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The above certificate was awarded to Gas News by the Industrial Editors Association of Chicago during January, 1944, following the annual publication contest of the Association. Industrial magazines from the Chicago area and parts of the middle west were entered in the competition.

LAST MONTH, Gas News was given First Prize Award by the Industrial Editors Association of Chicago, in its seventh annual publication contest, held during December, 1943. The Company's publication was entered in the Grand Prize Award Class, consisting of magazines which have won either first or second prize in previous contests. The First Award in that class is the highest distinction which the Association can bestow upon magazines of its kind.

While the editorial staff accepts the honor with a justifiable feeling of pride, it cannot take this recognition of the magazine's merit without passing a good share of the credit to the many members of the Gas Family who have contributed their time and energy in the publication's behalf.

Gas News is not a one man job. It represents the combined effort of interested employes, the cooperation of management, the utilization of craftsmen in the photographic, art, photoengraving, and printing trades, and the assembly of these combined services into a presentable product consisting of mere paper and ink.

This award of merit from outside experts in the field of industrial journalism can be taken as an indication that those who work together on the publication are functioning successfully as a team. Our editorial hand, therefore, is extended outward for a verbal handshake with those who have helped to make it possible for Gas News to receive this top distinction among publications of its kind.

IT MAY be that a great many gas folk have already completed their 1943 income tax returns. It is also quite possible that a still larger number are in the throes of mental gymnastics and in the midst of arithmetical gyrations in their endeavor to fill out their returns properly. On page 4 of this issue is a story revealing an arrangement which the Company has made with the Tax Accounting department, whereby representatives from various departmental groups have been given instruction which will enable them to answer many of the questions which may perplex the average citizen while figuring his income tax this year.

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The Cover

Here is a familiar February scene along Chicago's lakefront. At the time the picture was taken, during a severe cold wave, frigid winds were lashing the shore, whipping the ice particles upward like a spray of broken glass. Through the mist, part of the city's skyline can be seen. Photo by Louis Williams.

Coming Events

EMPLOYE FORUM MEETING
February 24
Home Service Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

1944 Gas Club Officers Take Helm At Inaugural Meeting

New President Outlines Plans

THE 1944 officers of the Peoples Gas Club, elected by the employes last November, officially took the helm of the Club at the annual inaugural meeting, held in Orchestra Hall, January 19. R. J. Cahill, new president, C. J. Poppelreiter, vice president, Rita Conlon, secretary, Beatrice Burris, assistant secretary, and James Snyder, treasurer, were introduced midst a round of applause from the audience.

The guest speaker of the evening was President George F. Mitchell, who informed the employes of the necessity for everyone to cooperate to the point of personal sacrifice with the government in the Fourth War Loan. Mr. Mitchell also distributed the War Bond prizes to the winners of the suggestion contest (see page 6).

E. S. Beaumont, supervisor of safety, outlined the Company's outstanding safety record during the past year, and introduced the winners of the Company-wide safety contest (shown in the photograph below).

Following a review of the Club's 1943 recreational activities by retiring president M. J. Lambke, R. J. Cahill, the 1944 Club head gave the audience a verbal preview of some of the activities which are being planned for the coming year. Mr. Cahill said:

"One idea that has been expressed considerably of late, both by the Executive Committee of your Club, and others, has been that perhaps the Gas Club should give increased consideration to the sponsoring of some form of activity that will be beneficial to those in the Armed Forces, or to those who are incapacitated because of their efforts in the war."

"However, this is something that cannot be settled at the moment, but I want you to know that we shall give consideration to doing whatever we can to aid, and I know that if it means a reduction in the normal Club activities, you will be glad to cooperate."

Immediately below are the men who received the award money for the winning departments in the Company-wide Safety Contest. They are: William Hinckley, Transportation; Leo Ranta, Chicago District Pipeline; William Egan, Research and Testing; John Johnsen, 22nd Street Station; George Durfey, Division Street Station; Alexander Kosel, 110th Street Station; and John Williamson, North District. Lower left, President G. F. Mitchell at the Gas Club Inaugural Meeting rostrum, and lower right, the master of ceremonies.

Club Sub-Committee Seeks Ways and Means of Helping Service Men

WITH THE authorization of the Gas Club Executive Committee, the Club president and a special sub-committee are investigating ways and means of helping our own employes in Service. During the last week in January, questionnaires were mailed to all superintendents requesting certain information which will be the basis of a report to the Executive Committee.

The questionnaire, mailed by Club President R. J. Cahill, requests the names of all employes in service from the numerous departments. Space is provided for listing the military address of these former employes, and for giving information concerning what the workers of each department are now doing for their former coworkers in the Armed Forces.

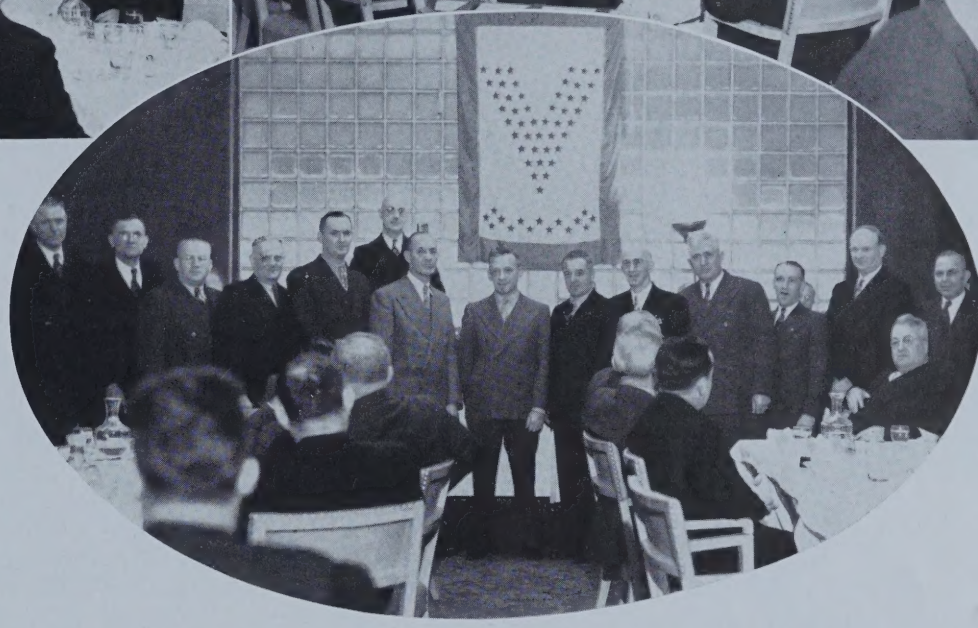
Plan Patriotic Program

One idea now under consideration by the Executive Committee, is to establish a blood bank in cooperation with the Red Cross. This program, if undertaken, will give the members of the Gas Family an opportunity to be of direct assistance to the injured fighting men who need the plasma so badly on the scattered battle fronts.

Recognizing that letters from home and from friends are of paramount importance to the soldiers, sailors, and marines, the Club is investigating the possibility of setting up a writing booth on the Main Floor of the Gas Building. Writing materials would be furnished free of charge.

Another proposal under consideration calls for the organization of a Red Cross bandage committee, which will endeavor to increase the production of this item for the welfare of those who are fighting our battles for us.

If possible, the officers of the Club would like to sponsor events which will benefit servicemen and women in various sections of the city, including entertainment in some of the hospitals. Another bright possibility which the Club is exploring thoroughly, is the staging of a U.S.O. night, with employes of the Company volunteering their services to see that the uniform-clad visitors of the Center have an enjoyable evening.



Operating Men Review Safety Accomplishments

Honor Supervisors With Outstanding Safety Records

OPERATING Division, officials, supervisors and invited guests celebrated the completion of an outstanding safety year for the Division and the close of the Supervisors Safety Contest, at a dinner held January 12, in the Merchandise Mart.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the safety accomplishments of the Division's employes during 1943, to fittingly honor those with the most noteworthy records, and to discuss the future possibilities of the Company's safety program in the light of present day scarcities in materials and manpower.

As Chairman of the meeting, Vice President K. B. Nagler referred to the safety performance of the division during the nine months of the Supervisors Contest, and spoke on the subject of accident prevention generally, saying: "While we have an enviable 1943 record, we cannot be actually satisfied with anything less than perfection. That is our goal in 1944."

Vice President J. A. Cunningham spoke, and extended congratulations to the men on their fine safety record during the past year. He pointed to the deep satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that, in reducing accidents, we are contributing man days to the war effort.

Martin I. Mix, executive operating engineer, congratulated the supervisors with the highest safety ratings, calling them forward individually for recognition. Mr. Mix reviewed some of the hazards confronting the Operating men, and touched upon some of the precautions which would have prevented the accidents which did occur. The men who were honored during the evening appear in the above picture and are identified in an accompanying caption.

E. S. Beaumont, supervisor of safety, outlined the high spots of the Operating Division Supervisors Safety Contest, and called the results, "most outstanding." "Right from the start of the contest," said Mr. Beaumont, "the men began to show good results." In the face of a general increase in accidents throughout U. S. industry, our Company has shown a 47 per cent decrease. From a total of 223 lost time accidents in 1942, our employes reduced the number to 120 in 1943.

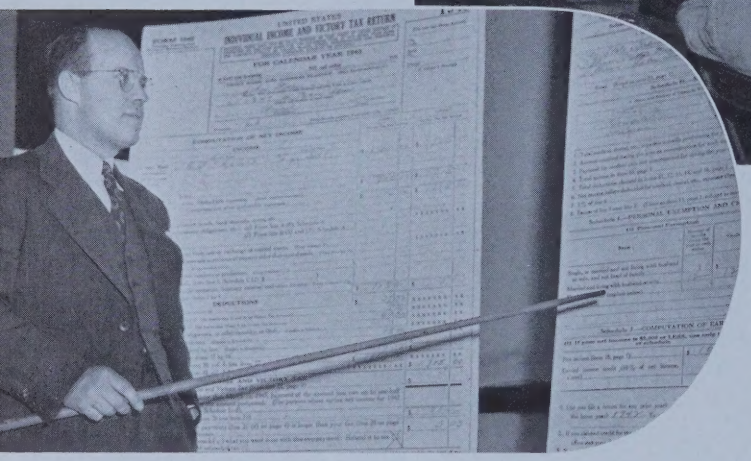
The final speaker on the program was Lincoln H. Lippincott, of the Lumberman's Mutual Casualty Company, whose talk was entitled "Adventures In Safety."

Above left, seated at the speakers table are left to right, J. M. Herrmann, E. G. Campbell, R. B. Harper, M. I. Mix, K. B. Nagler, L. H. Lippincott, J. A. Cunningham, J. J. Novy, E. F. Schuldt, and E. S. Beaumont.

Above right, are a group of supervisors enjoying the dinner at the Safety meeting.

Pictured in the oval above, left to right, with the exception of M. I. Mix, standing in rear, are Supervisors Charles Anderson, Michael O'Hara, William Shea, Harry Dienert, Paul Engle, Charles Lambke, Andrew Klawitter, Jule Nielsen, John Gordon, Emil Buslovitch, John Craven, Patrick Keaney, and Arnold Menet.

At right is a scene in the discussion group where Henry W. Ziethen, Superintendent of the Tax Administration department, explained the proper method of filling out income tax returns to the departmental representatives. Below, Mr. Ziethen points to an important computation on an enlarged income tax blank.



Trained Representatives Ready To Inform Employes on Income Tax Matters

Tax Administration Department Completes Training of Departmental Tax Helpers

MANY employed persons do not realize that they may be required to make a substantial income tax payment on March 15. Contrary to general belief the withholding of income and victory tax from wages did not, in many cases, fully satisfy the total income and victory tax liability for 1943. This is partly because the withholding for the first half of the year was for victory tax only and partly because the unforgiven portion of the 1942 tax will be added to the 1943 tax.

"The 1943 return forms are now available and any person can determine the exact amount which will be due by completing the appropriate form (form 1040 or 1040A). The Collector of Internal Revenue for your district will be glad to furnish you or your employes with any additional information or assistance needed in connection with this matter."

The above two paragraphs are quoted from a letter recently received by the Company from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

If you have not filled out your income tax return—do it now! Preparation of individual income tax returns will undoubtedly be more difficult than in previous years. The reason is that 1943 is a transition year between two systems of tax collection, namely, the "Pay-After-You-Earn System" and the "Pay-As-You-Go-System."

In past years, many calls have been made by employes upon members of the Company's Tax Administration department for information to be used in the filling out of their personal tax returns. This year, because of added complexities of the tax return, the department has foreseen the probability of greatly increased calls upon it. Having only a limited personnel, whose time is primarily required to be devoted to the preparation of the Company's own federal and other tax returns, it was deemed necessary to set up some plan under which direct requests by employes for information will be kept at an absolute minimum.

The only alternative would have required the Tax Administration department to avoid giving any such assistance whatever. In consequence, a plan has been established under which employes may refer to various departmental representatives any requests they care to make for information to be used in filling out their personal returns. These departmental representatives, appointed by the several Vice Presidents of the Company, will then undertake to obtain from the Tax Administration department whatever information pertinent to the subject may be requested by individual employes and to pass the information along to the employes so requesting it.

Obviously, it will not be necessary for these departmental representatives to refer every individual inquiry to the Tax Administration department, in view of the fact that many of the inquires made of them will duplicate each other and hence be disposed of by limited reference to the Tax Administration department. It should be understood that the department is not intending to assist employes in the actual preparation of their returns but only to furnish information upon the basis of which they may more satisfactorily prepare their own returns.

The following is a list of the designated departmental representatives:

Office of Vice President in Charge of Accounting

Minerva C. Groeff — James A. Laing

Budgeting, Purchasing and Stores

William H. Hollweg — John A. Tockstein

Customers' Service

Jesse E. Dowen — Charles L. Sullivan
John E. Naylor — James G. Waddick
Olga M. Schiemann

Finance, Personnel and Claim

Joseph A. Hoberg — John J. Solon
Chester V. Obecny

Operation

Carl F. Adams — North District Shop
William Barnes — Central District Shop
George D. Burns — Meter Repair Shop
Thomas J. Creighton — Calumet Station, 96th Street Station, 73rd Street Station
George M. Henry — Gas Dispatching Department
William A. Howarth — Warehouse Building
William J. Kenny — North Station, Hawthorne Station
Arthur S. Larson — Operating Office
Larry A. Melsheimer — Chicago District Pipeline Company
Harry L. Reimer — Engineering Department
Gerald A. Schwartz — 110th Street Station
John S. Sweetman — Distribution, Main Office
Lester H. Thorson — Transportation Department
Marcel E. Tonneman — Crawford Station
Thomas R. Walsh — Division Street Station, North Shore Avenue Station
Orley E. Webster — Coke Sales, Chicago By-Products Corporation
Michael J. Zimmerman — South Station, 22nd Street Station, Throop Street Station

Research and Testing

Louis W. Cacini — Stanley J. Modzikowski

Sales

Edmund S. Finerty — George M. Laurence

EMPLOYES WHO receive statements of victory tax and income tax withheld should save their receipts for evidence in supporting claims for credit on income and victory taxes withheld. Copies of a pamphlet, "Answers to your March 15 Federal Tax Questions," prepared by Commerce Clearing House, Incorporated have been delivered to all departments of the Company's organization for distribution to the employes therein. Employes are urged to refer to one of the departmental representatives named above any inquiry they desire to have answered in the short time left for filing 1943 income tax returns. The Library has a supply of Personal Income Tax forms for your convenience. In other words, "Do not put off until tomorrow what you can do today."

Mester Takes 13 Along For His 13th Blood Donation

EVEN THOUGH thirteen is usually considered unlucky by those who are superstitious, Earl Mester of the Correspondence section flaunted convention by donating his thirteenth pint of blood to the blood bank. He took thirteen individuals with him who also donated a pint of blood to the bank.

Earl put forth a great deal of effort to round up the thirteen who accompanied him. They were Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, Alice Knight, Mabel Petron, and Olive Sundstrom, Evanston; Roy Pierson, Wilmette; and Vincent Scimeca, Stationery; with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Scimeca; as well as Bud Juell, Messenger service; Raymond Leighton, Treasury Receiving; Irma Peters, Correspondence; and William MacDonald, Purchasing.

Earl Mester, Correspondence, is shown above receiving a preliminary check-up for his 13th donation of blood. With him at Red Cross Blood Bank headquarters, were 13 friends, several of them Company employes, who went through on the same afternoon.

Gas News Dinner Held at Huyler's

NEWS SCRIBES, columnists, and other volunteer workers on Gas News, assembled on January 26 for a "oh be joyful" dinner given in their honor, at Huyler's Restaurant, 310 S. Michigan Avenue.

Entertainment was supplied by Axel Christiansen, and the writers (being a versatile lot) helped to entertain themselves by taking turns at the piano. A burlesque edition of the News was distributed by two paper boys who broke into the meeting, and short talks were given by Messrs. J. A. Cunningham, J. M. Herrmann, J. A. Williamson, and the editor.

American Stove Company To Make Stoves February 1

THE AMERICAN STOVE COMPANY plans to resume its gas range production about February 1, in the Harvey, Illinois, factory. The other plants will continue with their war work exclusively.

The victory model stove, the only model to be manufactured, will be made of porcelain and will be fully insulated. It will be a four burner model, 20 inches wide, 25¼ inches deep and 40 inches high. It will have a left or right hand swinging door to the oven and broiler, whichever is preferred, and will be equipped with a regulator and top lighter.

Suggestions Put Fourteen Employes "In The Money"

Albin Fant, North Shop, earned Cash from two $10 Idea Awards

FOURTEEN EMPLOYES are in the money as a consequence of turning in their ideas for suggestions. There are three employes who each received two cash awards this month.

North District can be proud of Albin Fant who received a total of $20.00 for his ideas this month. He received $10.00 for a suggestion which proposed that a carrier for Servel units be used. He earned another $10.00 when he suggested raising Howle Heaters from the floor with wooden blocks.

Richard Clark, Meter Reading department, received a $10.00 cash award for suggesting that a space for a notation be provided on the appliance survey form used by the meter readers. He also won a $5.00 cash award for an idea which proposed certain changes in the method of handling customers' requests for special readings.

Two suggestions which were submitted by Louis Wolf, South District, brought him the lucrative return of $15.00. His idea of placing eyelets in the corners and sides of a tarpaulin was valued at $10.00; while his second idea, bringing him $5.00, suggested that we stamp "Reward—Return—Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company" on thermometers.

George McElligott, South District, received a $10.00 cash award for a suggestion that he submitted this month, while ten others received $5.00 each for their ideas. They were Gustaf Schmidt, Archives department; Gerald Schwartz, Calumet Station; Charles Piper, Credit and Collection department, Diedrich Windhorn, Customer Accounting department; Carl Haase, Customers Order department; Frances Connor, Messenger Service; Thomas Hoban, North District; Samuel Gibson, North Station; Arthur Granberg, Property Accounting department; and Winthrop Avery, Research and Testing Division.

This trick photo, by Victor Knitter, Photographic, shows the suggestion contest War Bond Winners superimposed over one of the new suggestion posters, which were erected in all departments last month. The men in the picture are, left to right, Louis Wolf, Robert Potthoff, Millard Keller, William Kelsey, and August Magistrelli.

Five Winners of Suggestion Contest Receive War Bonds

FIVE SUGGESTION WINNERS of the 1943 War Bond Suggestion Contest were presented their prizes by George F. Mitchell, president, on January 19, at Orchestra Hall, during the Inaugural Meeting of the Peoples Gas Club.

The first prize of a $100.00 War Bond went to Robert Potthoff of the Customers Order department. There were two second prize winners of a $50.00 War Bond each. They were William Kelsey of the Customers department and Louis Wolf of South District. Millard Keller, now of the U. S. Army, and formerly of Central Storehouse, and August Magistrelli of the Meter Reading department were winners of the two third prize $25.00 War Bonds.

The winners were determined by the number of approved cash awards they had received throughout the year for their ideas.

Robert Potthoff won first prize because he had contributed ten suggestions during the year. The other four, who each had five cash awards during the year, were rated on the basis of the total amount of cash accumulated from their five ideas.

Most of the suggestions pertained directly to the gas business, whereas several of them proposed ideas to help our safety program.

Fatigue Will Get You If You Don't Watch Out

Fatigue Is in Many Cases the Primary Reason for Accidents and Poor Efficiency; Indirectly an Aid to Our Enemies

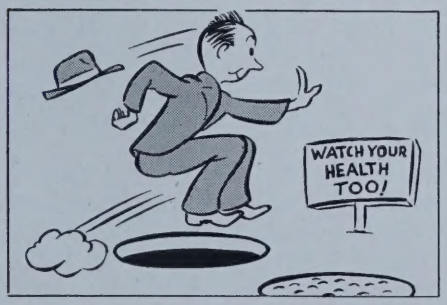
THERE are times when each and every one of us has a tired or weary feeling—possibly after an exceptionally busy day on the job. But when you arrive at a condition where you constantly experience it, perhaps it would pay you to take an inventory of your health and habits of living.

Fatigue, the kind that begins in the morning, and remains all day, is in many cases the primary reason for accidents and poor efficiency. Moreover, it is an indirect aid to our enemies.

"Droopy" people are inclined to cause the same reaction in others, just by the power of suggestion. However, while there is a way of dispelling fatigue very easily, in most cases, avoiding it is better yet.

The old "saw" about self preservation being the first law of nature often only applies to such immediate dangers as jumping aside for a speeding car, or jumping over an open manhole. For that reason, admonitions about watching your health often go unheeded until something serious develops. Watching your health is as important in these days of manpower shortages, as being at the job on time. Without good health, efficiency is lost, and the epidemic of doldrums passes down to your fellow employes.

If something seems to be going wrong, see your doctor immediately. If you see your doctor once a year,



especially as you get older, for a general physical examination the minor difficulties contributing to a state of fatigue will be checked before they get a chance to do any appreciable harm. This is not only a protection in the interest of the company for which you work, but also a protection to yourself.

Have you ever worked with a person who meets every responsibility with enthusiasm, who seems interested in many things, who is cheerful and dynamic in every thing that he does? He is usually the most popular person in the place. Furthermore, the chances are very good that he is in good health. This exuberance and popularity can be possessed even at an advanced age, if each employe will appraise his own condition truthfully. If his physical condition is not as it should be—something should be done about it NOW.

Your eyes can be a factor contributing to fatigue. An eye examination can avoid unnecessary eye trouble. If your eyes are strained constantly at the work you do, forget your personal pride and wear glasses if necessary. You who wear glasses should have them checked frequently because they don't do you much good if they are

worn three or four years without making an attempt to see if they need changing. If you carefully watch your eyes, improved health can be your reward.

In order to continue feeling in tip top shape, your teeth should be in perfect condition. When there are cavities and infections in the mouth, the poisons can affect other parts of the body. When these poisons are permitted to gain headway, fatigue and ill health can result. Those who would avoid the pain of extensive drilling, and prevent the premature loss of those important "choppers," find the time to visit their dentist at least once every six months.

Your breakfast should be substantial, consisting of the things needed by your mechanism to start the day off right. All of your meals should contain the necessary ingredients to keep your body tuned to the work you are doing, depending upon whether your job involves manual labor or light office work. Poorly planned meals are a definite cause of fatigue through malnutrition. The right meals eaten on a well regulated schedule help to offset fatigue.

Most of us know that these facts are true, but we should not forget that it takes rather careful watching to keep us in top condition.

During these days when the work we are doing on the home front in an essential industry is all-important to Victory, it is our own responsibility to keep on our toes physically and mentally. Sharp minds and sound bodies are making world history on the fighting fronts, and these men and women in the armed forces depend upon us at home to do our share. We cannot do that share unless we tune our minds and bodies to the task at hand.

At this time of the year, with winter little more than half over, the somber spectre of fatigue follows those individuals who violate the laws of good health. Probably the only ones who benefit from your neglect of yourself are our enemies.

Employes Retired February 1, 1944

JACK F. ANDRES, JR.
North Station 16 years 0 months

EMIL MECKLENBURG
South District 12 years 11 months

JOHN F. MURTAUGH
Customers Order Department
40 years 10 months

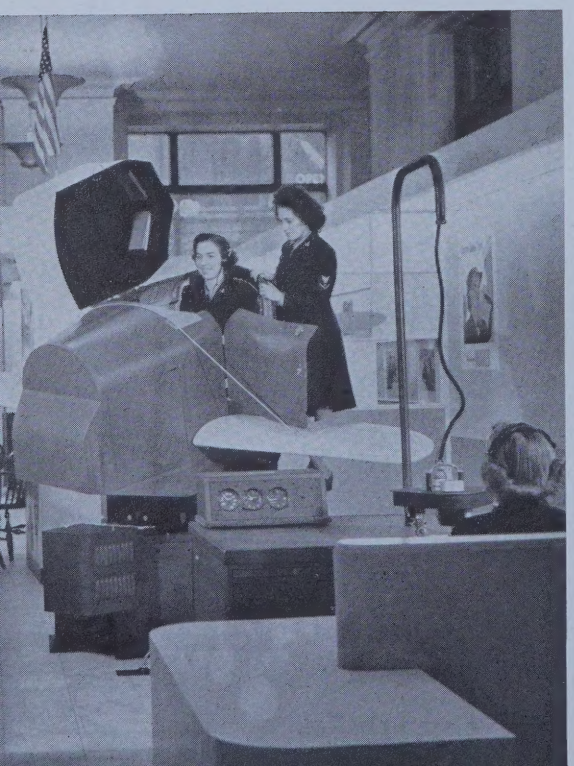
At left, New recruits being sworn in as part of the dedication ceremony by Lt. Margaret Cecil.

Waves Center Dedicated

Above, Captain Mildred McAfee giving the girls an outline of life in the Waves.

Pictured below, is a Link trainer used to teach instrument or blind flying.

Peoples Gas Officially Turns Waves Information Center over to the Navy During Ceremony, January 19



THE PLAYING of the appropriate Stars and Stripes Forever and Anchors Away by the U. S. Navy Band marked the beginning of the outdoor dedication ceremony for the new "walk-in" Recruiting Quarters of the Waves at 138 South Michigan Boulevard at 11:15 A.M., January 19. James A. Cunningham, Vice President in charge of Finance, made the presentation. The new Navy quarters were accepted by Captain E. S. Root, director of officer procurement for the district.

Following the dedication, Captain Mildred H. McAfee, national director of the Waves, took charge of the Information Center and spoke about the important part that the Waves are playing as a Navy auxiliary unit.

Lt. Margaret H. Cecil, senior Waves recruiting officer in the district, then administered the Navy oath to twenty-eight new recruits. They will soon leave for their basic training at Hunter College, New York city. All of the new recruits were Chicago girls.

Robert Mathias, R.T. 1/c who has just returned from ten months duty on the U.S.S. Savannah in the North Atlantic welcomed the new recruits into the service and told them how their work contributes toward victory.

Stage Skit for Recruits

A GROUP OF WAVES entertained prospective recruits and their parents with a skit and movie, January 31 in the Home Service Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

The program started with community singing. The skit was presented by Waves who supposedly were going through their last day at Hunter College at N3H2 (building, deck or floor, apartment, bunk). They showed "That Men May Fight," a movie that had to do with the typical Waves work and play. The movie was followed by general discussion. Refreshments were served after Lt. Margaret Cecil swore in two newcomers for the Unit.

The Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES
AND MARIE C. MEYERS

Housecleaning Help

Wallpaper cleaner is excellent for cleaning decorated parchment and paper lamp shades. A light touch is the thing—just go over the shade gently and dust off the "crumbs" left by the cleaner with a soft cloth.

Topper Tips

A leading New York millinery designer created quite a stir in the fashion world recently. The showing of Panama and Toya hats trimmed with shimmering jewels was the reason. Brimmed style Panamas sported narrow rhinestone bands instead of the usual grosgrain ribbon. Head-hugging Toyas were edged with large colored stones. This complete departure in trimming for hats of these materials appeared to be well thought of by observers.

"What's Cookin'?"

Noticed in the "Log." "A Jap secret agent had been instructed to investigate internal conditions in the United States, and report particularly on national morale. After a few days he filed his report for transmittal to Tokyo: 'Conditions very bad. People all very hungry. When two meet on street, one always says to other, 'what's cookin'?' "

Wear It Wide

The new, handsome wide belts now being shown are ideal for enlivening

the appearance of spring dresses. They come in leather, suede, felt and various other materials. Get yourself a material you desire and make one. It is really simple. A particularly stunning, wide black felt seen the other day, was of Russian design embroidered in French knots of vari-colored silk threads. It was worn on a simple black crepe dress. A small close fitting hat matched the felt and embroidery of the belt. Both gave an air of originality to the ensemble.

Low Point-No Point

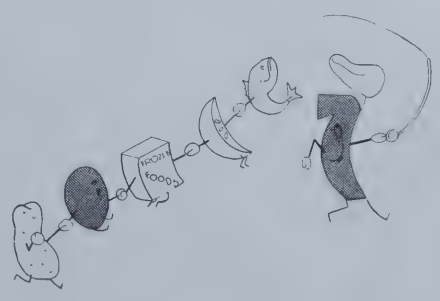
In the coming spring months we're all going to hear a lot and read even more about the "Low Point-No Point Foods" campaign.

It all originates with the fact that the war has hardly begun to be won, and to speed the coming Victory every single Mrs. America will have to put her shoulder to the plow, as it were, and utilize all the resources we have. This new campaign will also be a boon to the housewife who has found it difficult to get away from the pre-war pattern of meal planning (mainly meat. the stable foundation of so many meals) which is so difficult to maintain under the present and inevitable future rationing program.

The program will particularly emphasize those foods which are point free and in abundance so the strain will be lifted from so many of the rationed products which are available in lesser amounts. This planned program proves the important part the housewife plays in the present emergency, for isn't the most important task next to winning the war seeing that there is an adequate food supply? Without ample food, neither the war nor the peace can be won.

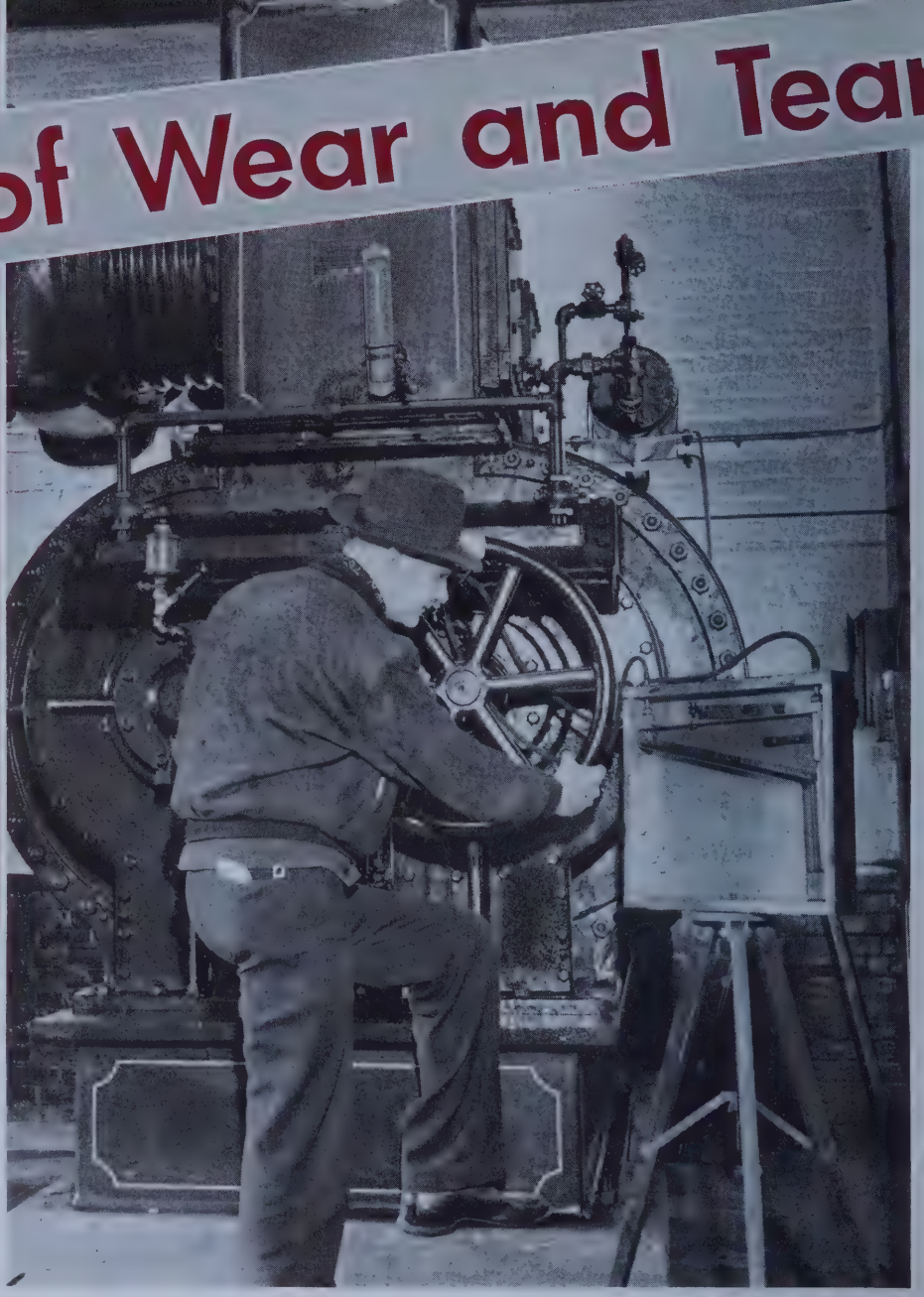
Mesdames of America

So you see the part of the homemaker in her special domicile, the kitchen, is equal in importance to buying bonds and wearing the uniform of volunteer organizations, for all three in their own particular way are accomplishing a very important end result. So it is, and what are we going to do about it? We're all betting on the Mesdames America. But it's interesting to see what effect, if any, this new emphasis on food will have on our nutritional requirements. You'd be surprised how some of each fit under almost all of the seven basic foods.

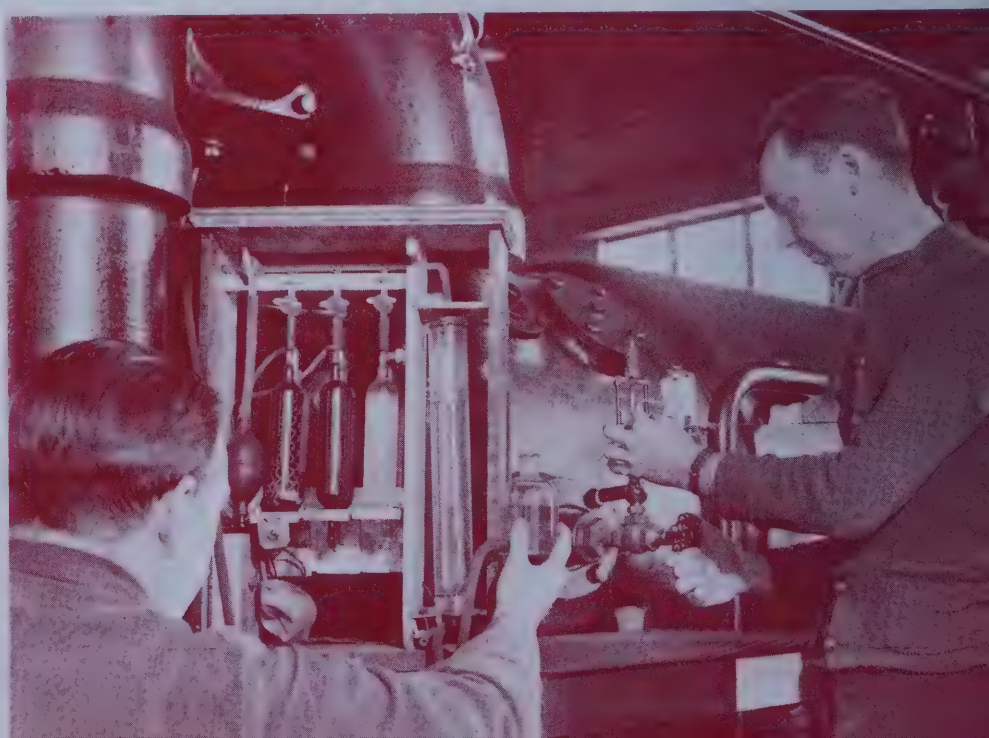


Doctors of Wear and Tear

Feeling the pulsebeat of the gas business is the job of the Plant Testing Engineer. Checking or repairing gauges and instruments, testing engine combustion gases, and similar chores keep these Doctors of Wear and Tear busy all the year around, for Gas Service never sleeps.



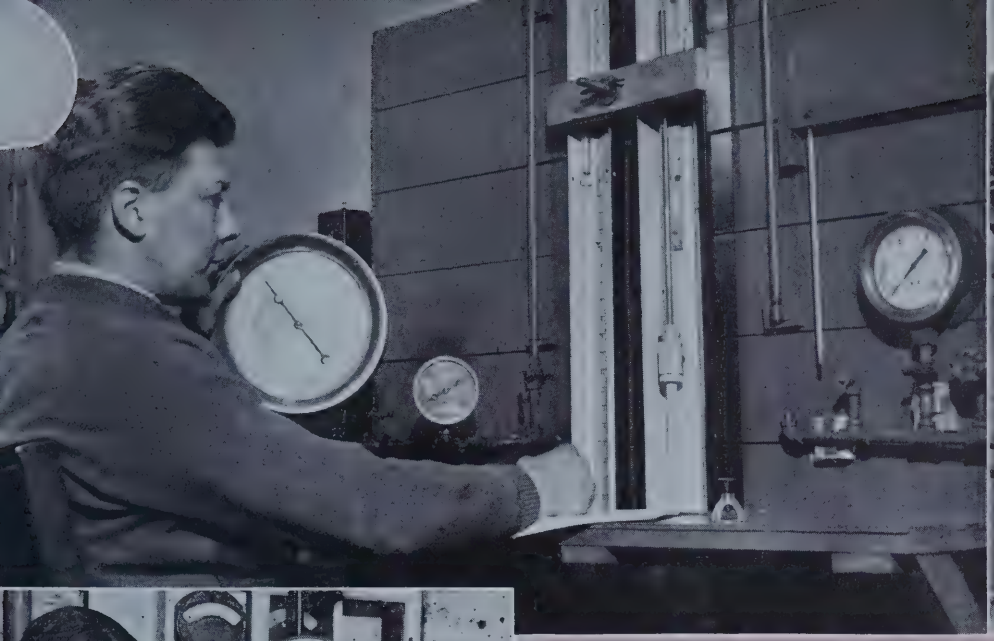
Above, Lancel Jacobson is making a "handslip test" on a large-volume gas meter, to determine its mechanical condition. Even a small inaccuracy in a meter of this type can result in the loss of considerable revenue.
Richard Fitzsimmons and George Keenan are pictured below making a test of combustion gases and pressure on one of the pumping engines at Calumet Station.

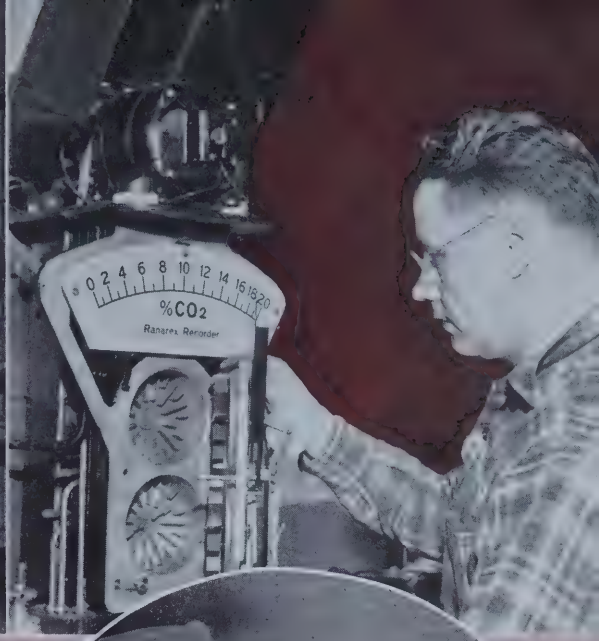


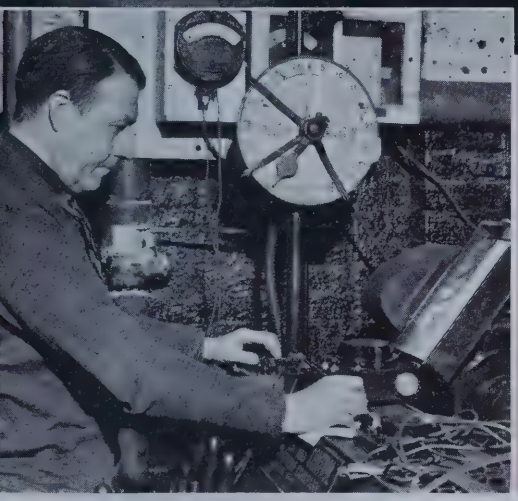
DAY and night, night and day," is the droning refrain of the operating machinery of the gas business. As a part of the "service that never sleeps" are boilers, huge pumping engines, and towering gas making machines which throb continuously, humming a song of service for Chicago's homes and war industries.

Attached to each piece of operating machinery of any size is a gauge or instrument of some kind. Many of these intricate devices are large and extremely complicated; others are simple in function and design. So important are these instruments to the safe and economical production and distribution of gas, the war-vital fuel, that they must be checked periodically for accuracy.

The engineers of the Plant Testing Department visit the various operating locations at regular intervals, and function much the same as a doctor does with his stethescope. As "doctors of wear and tear," it is their job to find any trouble in the instruments and similar equipment before the trouble actually has an opportunity to happen. The pictures on these pages show these men in various phases of their work.







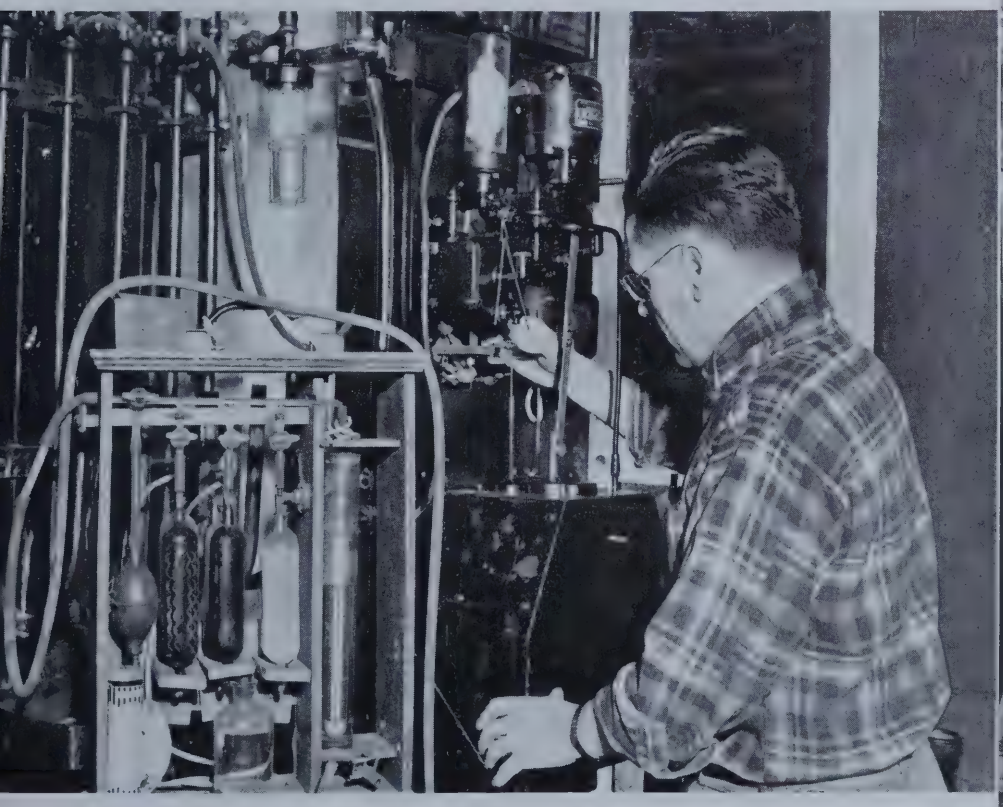
William Kolaske, above, is checking the accuracy of a pressure gauge, using the test board which utilizes compressed air.

Top right, George Dufresne is adjusting a remodeled Ranarex, an instrument used for measuring gas gravity or density.

Richard Fitzsimmons, at left, is checking the reading on a gas making machine pyrometer, an instrument which records high temperatures. The accuracy of the pyrometer is of paramount importance in the operation of a gas making machine.

Recording instruments on orifice meters require periodic calibrations and adjustments. Lancel Jacobson, circle right, is making a test.

to fuel gases, the most important thing this Company produces is steam—steam for ating engines and pumps, and for making water gas. George Keenan, shown on the ladder at right, is adjusting a steam meter at South Station.



Above, is shown the intestines of an instrument which chews up and makes a chemical analysis of combustion products and smoke going up the stack of a steam boiler. It is called a carbon dioxide recorder, and George Dufresne is checking its accuracy.

from Our Men in the Service

S/Sgt. Irma Stein
W.A.C. Fort Knox, Kentucky

My latest assignment as secretary to the Chief of Ordnance is a bit strenuous though very exciting and interesting. After this job I shall qualify as leader of a twenty ring circus and work spare time as a boiler maker for relaxation.

Experienced a feeling of nostalgia yesterday when a man came in to ask us for help. The gas company threatened to cut off his natural gas supply. As he repairs tires for us, we called higher commands to call off the wolves.

Now I can more readily understand the troubles of the Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, as well as the small indepent manufacturer.

How can girls stay home when the W.A.C. offers such a wealth of education and experience?

Sgt./T. John McCauley
Somewhere in England

I have done quite a bit of roaming lately. We are somewhere in England now. Had a chance to visit New York before we took the ride. The gal in New York Harbor is the one I want to keep a date with.

England is interesting. What strikes you most, I think, is its age. You have history all around you. I visited a couple of cathedrals built in the year 900 and 1100.

At the extreme right, is Staff Sgt. Robert Hoffman, formerly of the Meter Reading department, with the crew and their plane, Satan's Workshop. This crew was on the raid that hit Emden, one of the Nazis important north sea merchant shipping ports.

We must use British money here in all our dealings, even at the Post Exchange. It was confusing at first, but all the boys are on to it now.

Things are going along fine, but I sure miss the good old U. S. A. There's no place on earth like it.

Lt. Charles E. Burke
Somewhere in England

I celebrated Christmas "somewhere in England" by having a turkey dinner, but it didn't seem the same so far away from home. Next year we hope to celebrate it in "Berlin" or at home. I have visited several prominent spots in England such as Shakespeare's Home, London, Birmingham and Liverpool.

Some of you fellows should be over here to have "tea and crompetes" with me. I haven't bumped into any of the Gas House Gang in my travels though they have been wide and varied.

S/Sgt. A. Godwick
Somewhere in England

I've been on the move a great part of the time lately and have been very busy, thereby losing contact with many of my friends. However, I'm hoping this letter will set things straight.

Right now I'm stationed in a beautiful section of England, working as a crew chief on a fighter plane. It is the best type of fighter plane being used by the air force. I sure wish I could tell of the activities going on around these parts, and of some of the sights I've seen, but you can readily understand the situation. The fellows out here are all doing a grand job, but, I believe I'm safe in saying, we will all be glad when it's over. Then we can get back to our homes and friends again.

This world seems to be getting smaller all the time. Two of my very best friends, both Gas Company employes, are here in England. They are stationed within a hundred miles of me. Their names are William Egan and John McCauley. Due to censorship, restrictions, travel conditions, etc., we haven't been able to meet yet, but one of these days I hope we'll be able to get together.

Capt. G. H. Van Schaik
Somewhere in China

I had quite an exciting and eventful time during the past few months. It all started out with Lynn Van Schaik, the new addition to our family, in August. Seven days later I was ordered overseas and began my long trip half way around the world to China.

William Bueke, with the Engineers somewhere in southern Europe. He was formerly a photographer for Peoples Gas.

I have visited and seen many countries and have seen some interesting sights in each. I have seen the jungles of South America, the great plains of Africa, the sands of Arabia, the fakirs of India, and the greatly populated lands of China. By far, China is the most interesting and unusual. It is the most unique theater in this war. If I must be overseas, I consider myself fortunate to be stationed in China.

At the present time, I am out in the field where most of the comforts are lacking, but I'm enjoying myself. One's standards soon change after a short time out of the States. The weather is wonderful. During the day when the sun is out we can run around in shirt sleeves; yet at night, I sleep in long underwear (wool) and socks with four blankets over me.

We were ambushed by an organized band of bandits. There are four bandits who will no longer practice banditry or anything else.

Here's a recent snap of John Haffard, formerly an "M-Scope" operator at South District. He's now a radio operator on one of Uncle Sam's sub chasers.

BY WILLIAM HELME

WALKIE-TALKIE—Someone in the industry has come up with the bright suggestion that the Army's "walkie-talkie," a radio sending and receiving set easily carried by one man, may be used to expedite the reading of gas meters after the war. By this method a meter reader could radio the figures to a central point where they would be recorded and a bill mechanically punched out immediately. If this device could only be depended upon to talk the family pooch into taking a walk when the meter reader calls, no doubt our boys would be wholeheartedly in favor of it.

LICENSE PLATES—Car owners will fondly remember the nice, shiny, metallic license plates which are now one of the minor casualties of the war. Those for Illinois were formerly made at the Joliet State Prison but for the past two years they have been made in Chicago by one of our industrial customers out of heavy fibre board. They are impregnated with paint to weatherproof them and to serve as a background for numbers. In this process, large volumes of gas are used for drying purposes. The manufacturers reports that the fibre plate uses less critical material, is lighter in weight, will not rust or rattle, can take plenty of abuse, and is cheaper to make. They are made here for many other states and it is believed that they will continue to be used after the war.

1943—Despite severe shortages of materials and manpower, the gas industry rates 1943 as a year of marked achievement. So declared Ernest R. Acker, one of the keymen in the utility business. While essential civilian services in the home and elsewhere were maintained, facilities were expanded by industry to meet every requirement of the war emergency without curtailment of supply. Statistics reveal that the industry is serving the largest number of customers in its history—19,450,000. Revenues of the entire industry reached $1,071,850,000, an increase of 7.8 per cent over 1942.

Countess Maria Pulaski on Employe Forum Program, Feb. 24

A MEETING of thrills and surprises? An evening that will be "different"? Yes, that's what they're all saying about the February Employe Forum program, which will be staged in the Home Service Auditorium, February 24, at 7 p.m. You'll be sorry if you miss seeing and hearing Countess Maria Pulaski, the former British spy, and refugee—who also has a particular brand of humor all of her own.

The Countess tells a thrilling story of Nazi intrigue, how she fled from her native Poland, and later returned as a British counter spy. She is stopping in Chicago while on a lecture tour of the United States.

In addition to the customary refreshments in Room 1039 at 5:45, there will be dancing on the main floor of the Gas Building. Admission to this meeting will be by ticket, which can be obtained from departmental Forum representatives.

Tuition-Free College Courses Are Available

THE UNITED STATES OFFICE of Education is using the facilities of De Paul University and Central YMCA College for tuition-free courses under its plan of engineering, science, and Management war training. The object of the program is to train men and women now working in a war industry, or who plan to enter such work.

Many of the courses begin during the middle of February, and employes who act fast may still complete their enrollment in time. The only expense to the enrollee will be the purchase of necessary books and supplies.

On the list of subjects are: Accounting, budgeting, auditing, personnel management, time and motion study, job and merit rating, labor legislation, foreman training, industrial purchasing, industrial psychology, stores and inventory control, industrial traffic management, materials handling, production management, office management, industrial statistics, chemical laboratory techniques, organic chemistry, and other subjects equally important to the war effort.

Employes Who Left for Service During January

DONALD R. BELL, Purchasing.
DANIEL H. BONNER,
Domestic Sales—North Section.
MARTIN P. DEACY, Crawford Station.
WILBERT J. ERICKSEN, Calumet Station.
ELMER J. FILEK, Bookkeeping.
JULIUS W. HANKO, Research & Testing.
JOHN WILLIAM KOSTECKA,
Crawford Station.
JOHN J. SHANNON, Meter Reading.
WESLEY A. TAETEROW, Bill Delivery.
RAYMOND J. WADMAN, Customers'.

Billiard Players Receive Their Tournament Prizes

THE 1943 Fall 3-Cushion Billiard Tournament is now history and the winning teams have been decided. Team No. 4 won the first team prize, while team No. 2 won the second prize. The members of team No. 4 were Gerald Schwartz, Robert Potthoff, and Earl Geary. The players on team No. 2 were Vincent Dorgan, Gerald Wasson and William MacDonald.

The winners in each class received a gold medal and a Willie Hoppe billiard cue. They were Vincent Dorgan, Class A; Carl Kairis, Class B; and Earl Geary, Class C. The second and third prize winners received cash prizes.

The remainder of the prize money was distributed to the players on the basis of the number of games won.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, of the famous Sullivans who lost five sons on a U. S. Battleship, paid a visit to the Peoples Gas Building WAVES center recently. The reason for their visit: to see their only remaining child, Genevieve Sullivan, while on duty doing recruiting work at the Center.

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

SOLDIERS ALSO NEED BOOKS! Once again, we wish to devote the space in our column to call your attention to the pressing need for books for our soldiers on every fighting front. Let us quote here the editorial in the January 29 issue of the Saturday Evening Post: "Soldiers march and fight and lie in foxholes. But they also spend a good deal of time looking for something to do. This is true even in the combat areas, from one of which one soldier recently wrote a friend of ours: 'The book you sent was the first decent thing I've had a chance to read since I got here.'"

The armies which are engaging the enemy on an ever-broadening scale are probably the most literate ever assembled. Soldiers want books in this war to a degree never before equaled. They are the readin'est fighters ever heard of. They want books that inform them on historical and military subjects; books that remind them pleasantly of home; books that start arguments on why they are fighting at all; books to inspire them, cheer them up, make them forget.

Fortunately, this elementary need of the United Nations fighting man has not been forgotten. There aren't enough books at the various fronts, of course, but there are a good many, and the book committee of the British War Relief Society is one of several organizations interested in seeing to it that there are more. Books are collected at headquarters of the society, which are scattered throughout the United States, and distributed to the fighting fronts occupied by American, British, Australian and Canadian troops. The society naturally hopes that contributors will assume that soldiers like to read good books and new books, and not just books that are in the way.

May we ask you to contribute once again? Make your Company Library your collection agency for the books you wish to contribute. It would be a wonderful thing if every employe DONATED JUST ONE BOOK.

"Quiet Please" Is Plea of Noise Abatement Commission

Campaign Designed to Help War Workers

QUIET, PLEASE! The Noise Abatement Commission is stressing an "anti noise" campaign in the Chicago area, and urges all civilians to cooperate as fully as possible. Those two words spell more to us than just sound sleep. Noise abatement, especially in residential neighborhoods, is part of the drive toward Victory. If the man behind the man behind the gun gets good sound sleep, his day will result in greater and more efficient production, whether he works on the day shift or the swing shift.

With war production at top speed, it is necessary for all of us to be alert, and sound sleep is a requisite for efficient, high-tempo production. Medical authorities insist that uninterrupted sleep among workers is as essential as good food and good working conditions. If the worker gets the desired sound and uninterrupted sleep, accidents, fatigue, and mistakes can be averted. When the worker's rest is disturbed, he is likely to be tired when he arises, be a hazard to others on the job, and handicap himself by being careless on the assembly line. The employe "sleep walker" is a source of help to the enemy, by not turning out his share of war materials.

In most cases, the noises that disturb the worker's sleep are caused by thoughtlessness on the part of the offenders. A few of the noises are auto horns, loud radios, children playing in the streets, and loud talking near workers' windows.

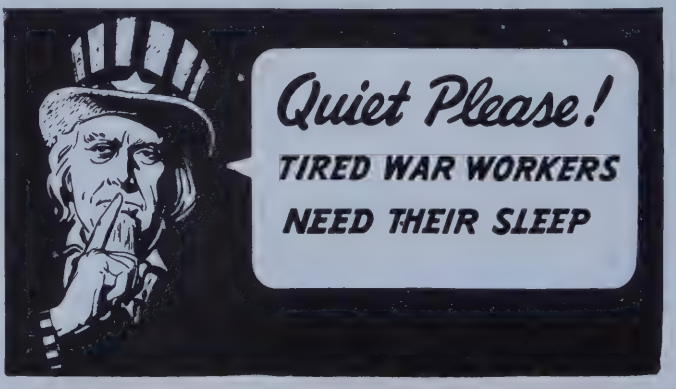
Auto horns should be used only when necessary. Some people seem to feel that because their car has a horn, it should be blown at the slightest provocation. "Horn blowing" cannot push another car out of your way, nor will the blowing of a horn make people move faster.

Loud radios are another element that disturbs war workers' sleep. A radio played with a reasonable amount of volume is more pleasing to the ears of those in the room, and does not force neighbors to listen to someone else's favorite program. The constant droning of a radio does much to make a war worker nervous and jittery the following day on the assembly line.

One often hears the statement "Remember, you were young once." That is a good statement to remember where children are concerned, but we should also remember that those children who are doing all the screaming and yelling on the street will one day, in all probability, be the men and women who entertain and do business with others. A certain amount of fun is necessary to a child's well being, but those good times can be fairly quiet times. Teach your child to have respect for the sign in a war worker's window by keeping his tone muted, especially near those signs.

Frequently people stop to chat with acquaintances without realizing exactly where they are. It is fine to be neighborly, but it might be a good idea to be a little thoughtful and move away from a window where it is obvious that there is someone trying to sleep.

The sign used to identify a war worker's window is a "soft pedal" hint. Copies of them may be obtained from the Noise Abatement Commission at 134 North LaSalle Street.



This is the official sign used by the Noise Abatement Commission for its "anti-noise" campaign.

Elect Directors, Review By-Laws At Credit Union Meeting

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the shareholders and members of the P. G. L. & C. C. Employes' Credit Union was held in Room 1039, on Tuesday, January 18, at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of electing directors, reviewing amendments to the By-Laws of the Credit Union, and the transaction of other business.

Directors George Burns and David Lauzon were re-elected for a term of three years. Because of the resignations of Roderick Wyse, John De Mol and Edward Berggren, three new directors were elected for three, two, and one-year terms respectively. They are Daniel Driscoll, Harold Winzer, and Thomas Blake.

The policy of the Credit Union is such that there are always six directors on the board with three new directors replacing the three out-going directors. Through this arrangement there are always three who are familiar with the business at all times.

Four amendments were recommended by the Board of Directors concerning the Articles and Sections of the By-Laws of the Credit Union. All of the amendments submitted for consideration by the members were accepted at the meeting.

Service Anniversaries

FEBRUARY 1944

40 YEARS

WHITE, HOWARD B., Bookkeeping

35 YEARS

CONDON, JOHN H. J.,
Domestic Sales, Marshfield Ave. Branch
ROEBERT, WILLIAM A., South District

30 YEARS

JACOBSON, LANCEL L., Plant Testing
LARSON, MELVIN T., Bookkeeping
MCINTYRE, ANDREW R., Bookkeeping
MURPHY, MAY, Bookkeeping
STANDISH, RALPH, Credit & Collection

25 YEARS

BELMONTI, MICHAEL, North District
COSTANTINO, NICOLA, Meter Shop
GRAY, ELMER S., Customers' Order
KONARSKI, WALTER, Meter Shop
MCDONALD, WILLIAM G., Meter Reading
OUIMET, ALVA J., Customers' Order
STREICHHIRSCH, CHARLES, Central District
WHARTON, ARCHIE D., Stores—Warehouse

Postmaster General Gives Advice on Prisoner Mail

POSTMASTER GENERAL FRANK C. WALKER has been informed that German authorities will confiscate mail for American prisoners of war when the envelope bears patriotic slogans, appeals for the purchase of War Bonds, "Win the War" themes, and similar wording.

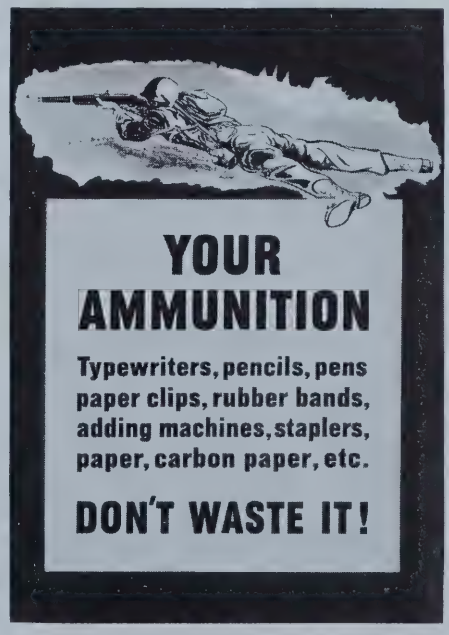
To assure the delivery of this mail, the public is advised to hand the letter personally to postal employes in the post office, or to enclose it in a separate envelope with the inscription "Postmaster—Prisoner of War Mail."

Muster-Out Pay for World War II Veterans

Any honorably discharged army veteran of the present war may secure help in making out his application for mustering-out pay by contacting Commander C. A. Madiol of Peoples Gas Post or Walter Ohmacht, Service Officer of the Post.

Those who were residents of Illinois at the time of enlistment or induction should send their applications to the Army Finance Office, Buder Building, 7th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri. Applications should not be sent to the Army Finance Office in Chicago.

Addresses of finance offices covering other branches of the service may be secured by calling Commander Madiol.



Health — HOW TO KEEP IT

By DR. HAROLD STEINBERG

SINUSITIS is a prevalent disease in this part of the United States. It usually accompanies or may be a complication of the common cold. Frequently, people refer to this type of illness as a "head cold" and invariably this means some associated infection of the sinuses. Sinuses are merely spaces in some of the bones of the skull, all of which communicate directly or indirectly with the nasal cavity. For this reason, infections of the upper respiratory tract may produce inflammation of the lining membranes of these spaces, and produce congestion and the accumulation of mucous secretions in these areas. If for some reason there is poor drainage as a result of a polyp, a deformed nasal septum, or a chronic inflammation of the lining membrane of the nose, then these accumulations remain for a long while and produce symptoms of sinus disease. These symptoms are headache, fever, pain over the eyes, or on either side of the nose and over the cheek bones, and mucous discharge through the nose or backwards into the throat. This last discharge is what we commonly call a postnasal drip.

It is believed by some medical men that chronic infection of the sinuses may act as a focus of infection from which other organs, such as the joints, the bronchial tubes, the gallbladder, and the kidneys to mention only a few, may become diseased. The most accurate way of diagnosing sinus infection, especially in the chronic state, is by means of x-rays. The proper treatment is to promote drainage to the accumulated infected secretions within the sinus cavities. This usually requires specialized treatment and is best directed by an ear, nose and throat specialist.

What information concerning matters of employe health would you like to have covered in this column? Send your ideas to Dr. Steinberg, Medical section, Room 709.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Engineering

By JULIEN JORDAN

GEORGE CHESHIRE came in to see us recently while on leave after spending a few months on the high seas in the Pacific. The Navy and the sea air seem to agree with George. . . . We heard from Cliff Older, who is still in the Pacific some place. Said he saw Cheshire pass in a "battle wagon." Could that be about the time Cheshire walked in front of a turret of 8-inch guns and was disrobed by the concussion? . . . Mildred Jones had laryngitis for several days and couldn't talk. It was a great satisfaction to be able to talk to a lady and have the last word. . . . Ed Anderson went into a huddle with his draft board recently. Ed came out the wiser and also richer. Anyway, the board talked him out of buying a new suit. Some people get all the breaks. . . . Work is progressing rapidly on the "Big Inch" pipeline. Construction work is expected to start in the near future.

Stores—Warehouse

By MARIE J. LEHMANN

THE LATEST NEWS from Pvt. Herman Ruppmann is that he is moving toward the Sunny South. . . . Pfc. Millard J. Keller is now located in Nashville, Tennessee. . . . The writer was firmly, but graciously, informed by Pvt. Chris Tebbens that he was a Private and not a Sergeant as mentioned in last month's column. Beg your pardon, Chris. . . . More proud fathers to add to our list—Joseph Troccoli's son joined the Navy, Charlie Madison's son is now in the Army Air Corps and Barney Young's son has recently joined the Army Air Corps. . . . Clifford Cooke and Emil Anderson were ill, and we're glad to see them back.

Cpl. Albert Smith, formerly of Photographic, and his wife.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

WE WISH the best of luck to Rosemary Steinwand, Library Section, who has joined the U.S. Cadet Nurses' Corps and is now in training at Marshfield, Wisconsin. . . . Shirley Selby, who left us two years ago for nurse's training at Evanston Hospital, is at present a patient herself in that hospital. She is recovering gradually from severe injuries sustained in an automobile accident in December. . . . Congratulations to Mary Lou Swigart, our first 1944 bride. She and her husband, Ensign Walter Hanke, are now living in Lakehurst, New Jersey. . . . Shirley Tenant Bennett writes from her new home in Port Townsend, Washington: "I would be content to live here the rest of my life. It is a wonderful place." . . . Joseph Herrmann, John Solon, Harry Foley, Marion Barnes, and Marian Young have moved to new offices in Room 721. . . . Navy life certainly agrees with our Mike McNicholls. He looked very well on his recent short visit.

South District

By ED O'MALLEY

THE FORTUNES of war brought Pfc. John Cody and S. F. James McQuillan to the Aleutian Islands where they met unexpectedly at an advanced outpost. They spent several pleasant hours together reminiscing about happier times at South District. . . . After sampling the liquid refreshment available in the British Isles, Lt. Charles Burke has adopted the traditional English custom of afternoon tea and crumpets. . . . Since Sgt. Frank Gaffney joined the Benedicts he writes to no one but Deacon Jimmy Smith, the old-time consultant on things matrimonial. . . . Congratulations to Louis Wolf who won a second prize award in the 1943 Suggestion Contest. Louie is off to a good start in 1944 with two cash awards to date. . . . Annuitant Thomas Noonan, wintering in Florida, reports he is experiencing the usual "unusual" weather. . . . Thanks to Harry Ziethen of the Tax Administration Department for a very interesting lecture on income tax problems at our last Forum meeting.

North District Blood Donors Aid Co-Workers

NORTH DISTRICT employes displayed their loyalty to one of their fellow workers, during the week of February 1, when Paul Tepe, of the district, became seriously ill following an operation, and required blood transfusions.

When the request for blood donors was posted at the district, the response was instantaneous, and sufficient volunteers were sent to Paul Tepe's bedside in plenty of time to improve his condition. The interesting sidelight to the emergency, however, was that many of the volunteers were turned down because they had made a donation at the Red Cross Blood bank only a short while before.

North District

BY THOMAS DORE

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES who visited the Shop since we last reported were: Fred Murphy from California, Art Schultz back from the Pacific on his way to school in the east, Bob Imber from the west where the snow is deep, and Lawrence Carter from sunny California. He looks so good we thought you might like to see a snapshot. George Herter

Lawrence Carter

Robert Geng

came in with plenty of medals for marksmanship, as well as Tom Walsh ex-North shopper (now Chicago District Pipeline) from McCook, Nebraska, and, last but by no means the least, Bob Hjerstedt and his bride. . . . Earl Daenzer met Jim McGuigan in the South Pacific and they could not have been any more surprised than the folks at home when we heard the news. Shop around, Earl, for there are quite a few fellows from the old gas house gang in that vicinity. . . . Here also is a picture of Robert Geng who is now doing some adjusting for the Navy with the Seabees. . . . We understand that Sailor Walter Mehrholz is quite an expert at pressing uniforms and is considering going in the valet business when this is over. On February 21, we are planning our annual super gigantic show and dinner. We hope all goes well and that we have some pictures to reproduce in the News for you fellows who cannot be with us. We will try to give you all this information in the next issue. Remember the date.

North Sales

BY R. C. MARTIN

DOM BERGELIS reports that his new assignment as Lieutenant Colonel has taken him to New Guinea. Dom has been in the South Pacific for over eighteen months. He says he will welcome a furlough home if the opportunity presents itself. . . . Pete McAuslan sends word from "Somewhere at Sea" that he was married recently to the "sweetest little girl in the world." The wedding took place in Cleveland. Pete and Henrietta then spent the rest of his furlough down East, until he received sailing orders. Congratulations, Pete, and the best of wishes to the "little woman!" . . . Dan Bonner tired of civilian life. He was inducted into the Army on January 27. A farewell luncheon was given for Dan at Bloom's Restaurant the Tuesday before he left. The best of luck, Dan. Keep us informed. . . . Prestidigitator Milt Levey was at Fort Sheridan January 30 entertaining the camp with his legerdemain, and was ably assisted by Rex Santoro. Rex has been stationed at Fort Sheridan since completing his basic training. . . . Romie Holtz' son, Russell, is now a Captain in the Army Air Corps, at Taft Field, outside of Los Angeles, after having been an instructor at Baker's Field for several months. . . . Otto Tilsner attended the Plumbers' Convention at Springfield in January and had numerous good stories to relate on his return.

Meter Shop

BY GEORGE D. BURNS

THIS MONTH 31 employes of the Meter Shop visited the American Red Cross to donate their blood to the blood bank. This is a very good representation, but there are more than 60 employes in the department to be heard from. Let's double our number on the next trip. Frank Zonca and Robert Bennington are the new recruits to join us this month. Thanks, fellows, the boys doing our fighting will appreciate your help. . . . The writer has just received a letter from our old friend, Warren McLaughlin of the Navy, somewhere in the South Pacific. We don't know just where Warren is, but, wherever it is, we feel sure he is giving a good account of himself. Warren says he would like to hear from some of the gang. . . . A number of fighting Meter Shop men are preparing themselves for that new job with the man who has a long white beard, Uncle Sam. These days you can see Richard Antink, Frank Ublasi, Michael Lucatorto, Thomas Fitzmaurice, John Schmijeski, Eugene Deinert, and Frank Zonca stepping out at a brisk pace. You can almost hear them counting cadence, 1, 2, 3, 4. They're just trying to keep ahead of some tough "top kick." . . . All at the shop are deeply grieved, and offer our heartfelt sympathy to Frank Ublasi on the death of his brother. . . . It sure is good to see our old friend, Ivan Anderson back on the job after a prolonged illness. Your slim figure is very becoming Andy. . . . The last quarterly safety inspection shows that again Andrew Klawitter leads the Meter Shop with a score of 99.4. Congratulations, Andy. That's a mighty high score, and it's not going to be easy to hold with the other foreman so close on your heels. . . . Pat Anderson has just returned from his sojourn with the problems of a juryman. You look well rested after your vacation, Pat. . . . Once again the writer is asking that we try to find some time to write a few lines to the boys in service from our shop. We have their addresses and will be only too glad to give them to you. Remember, if you don't write, your wrong.

General Accounting

BY PETER GILLIGAN

DEPENDING upon your point of view, Christmas news at this time of the year may be premature or tardy. In our case it's the latter. The combination of an early Gas News deadline and our vacation resulted in this column's not seeing print last issue and the omission of some items which we feel can stand repeating. . . . The stork gifted the Bill Sweetmans with a Christmas present they have no desire to exchange—a baby boy. The youngest Sweetman has been tagged with that nifty Irish handle, Terrence. . . . Christmas 1943, will also be easily remembered by Astrid Johnannsen and Bernice Baumler. On the Monday after Christmas, Astrid surprised her co-workers with the news of her wedding and the announcement that she will henceforth be known as Mrs. Karl Berg. On the same morning Bernice reported with an engagement ring—from a Marine—lighting the way. Since then Bernice has been taken ill and the whole department hopes for her speedy recovery and early return to work. . . . Harold Heckendorf, one of this department's best bowlers, just missed achieving a perfect game the other evening. After nine straight strikes, Harold picked up a spare and ended with a 275 game. . . . Sam White's departure for the Army marks the first induction of one of our pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. Sam was inducted in January and reported at Fort Sheridan February 10. . . . During January we welcomed the following members into our department: Alyce Evans, Fred Swanson, Elaine Lowe, Eileen Kelly, Lucille Nolsher and Edith Wallschlaeger. . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Al Leach on the death of his mother and to Alice Root on the death of her mother.

Bookkeeping

BY RITA CONLON

"PRIDE COMETH BEFORE FALL." Charley Motycha firmly believes so—one Saturday, trying to cut capers on the ice, he slipped, saw stars, resulting in a dislocated knee. . . . A hearty welcome is wished to John Holcomb formerly of Chicago By-Product Corporation and John Garvin from the Tabulating Section. . . . Vincent Dorgan is to be congratulated on winning the Class A billiard championship. . . . The Ray Dolan family has a new addition, Francis William, arrived January 2, weighing six pounds, six ounces. . . . News about the boys in service: Phil Crimmins has been transferred to Ft. Bragg, No. Carolina. . . . Irvin Holdych stationed at Chanute Field. visited the department. . . . Also, Bill Mock dropped in to see his friends, and will be stationed in California for further training. . . . Ready for a real taste of army life is Elmer Filek, at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. He left us early in January.

Tabulating

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

TO OUR BOYS AND GIRLS IN SERVICE—and all gas Company people: A helpful hint on a gloomy Monday morning—one of the men dusting off the clock and the motto "Think" just above it. . . . The best of wishes to you, Wave Helen Nowak, upon your engagement to Sailor Robert Finn of Minnesota. . . . Leo Kedziora has made the Tribune—picture and all. . . . Welcome to the tours of employes from other departments who are learning the ups and downs of the Tabulating room. . . . Lucille Cummings took her vacation in January and made a trip to Jacksonville, Florida.... Because Myrtle Maronn was "off on balances" so much one day, she decided to write poetry to ease the aching heads of Dorothy Crotty and Helen Biddison. . . . The question was asked, "Where is that Dawn Holmes?" The answer, "Maybe she's 'dawn home'." . . . Marian Halligan wants to know a 4-letter word for so & so now that crossword puzzles are in again. . . . Walter Brewer, pictured above, recently sent this photograph to us from Madison, Wisconsin.

Walter Brewer

Calumet Station

BY WILTON BROWN

The Army claimed Wilbert J. Ericksen, recently. We will miss him around here but we feel sure that our Country is much safer with him in there aiding our great cause. Finish it up soon so that you can be back with the gang. . . . We welcome in his place Louis Special. He was transferred to us from Crawford Station. . . . We are glad to have Pat Jordan back at 96th Street Station after a little fight with that "flu" bug. . . . We are also glad to have Art Johnsen back after a few days home with a cold. . . . Calumet Employes are doing their part in the 4th War Loan Drive. They have purchased additional Bonds during this period. Have you purchased yours yet?

South Sales

BY IONE JOHNSON

Notes on Military Intelligence: Allen Gould smiles happily as a friend pins on those silver bars which make him Captain C. A. Gould. . . . Incidentally, he is now in charge of communications on an undisclosed island in the South Pacific . . . Major Harold "Brownie" Brownell stopped in to say hello on a recent leave from Camp Hood, Texas, where he is acting Lt. Col. in command of a Tank Destroyer Batallion. . . . Jack Voorn, a former representative in the Dealer Division, has just received his commission as 2d Lt. in the Army Air Corps. . . . At present he is at Eglin Field, Florida. . . . Major Bob Birkhoff, according to latest reports, is somewhere in the South Pacific. . . . C.P.O. Jim Condon of the

Capt. Allen Gould is proud of his captain's bars. He has reason to be.

Seabees had many interesting tales to tell of his 13 months on Guadalcanal, when he spent a day with us recently. . . . Unfortunately he is now spending part of his leave in Great Lakes Naval Hospital. . . . This may be a direct result of his past experiences, but Jimmy won't say. . . . We were all very sad to hear of the death of Ann Kuhn, a former employe of the South Sales Section. We all remember Ann's pep when the bowling leagues were in full swing. . . . We all like to boast of winners, and this time it's Earl Geary who won in Class C of the Billiard Tournament. Proof that a misspent youth can be of some benefit. . . . Engineer Art Kay just completed his vacation in a manner that should delight the O.P.A. Never having seen enough of his native Chicago, he achieved complete relaxation in a tour of the southside "spots" that specialize in food in its more robust forms. . . . He reports a dwindling supply of Limburger, Liederkranz and the more highly charged cheeses. He found the sauerkraut in full bloom, however, and a bountiful crop of pigs' knuckles. If you don't believe it, he offers his vest in evidence.

Chicago District Pipeline

BY EDMUND REED

Doc Harmening is the proud father of a fine baby girl. This is Doc's second child, and there is now a boy and a girl in the family. . . . Roger Bartz has been promoted to Seaman 1/c and is somewhere on the high seas. . . . We of the Pipeline are very proud of our safety record of 29 consecutive months without a lost time accident. We hope to maintain that record for a much longer period. Bill Gray recently moved into the home he purchased and is quite happy to be settled down and not having to look forward to moving again. . . . The Field Office bowling team seems to have found its bowling eye again and is steadily working its way to the top of the league again.

Domestic Sales

BY GRACE CARDWELL

Congratulations to our new Lieutenant Voorn! He will take over his duties in Florida, lucky lad. Jack claims he's an A.E.F. (American Exiled In Florida), but don't we envy him? . . . We recently heard from Tom Dimond. They have him tucked away among the Indians in India, but there are no complaints from Tom. His letters are still a cheerful little ear full. . . . The Domestic Sales department was well represented at the Inaugural Party by Olga Nemsek and guest, Eleanor Toman; Virginia Hajek, Grace Cardwell and guest, Virginia Ronk. It was a gala evening for all who attended. . . . If you're wondering what that odd looking creature is perched on your correspondent's desk, ease your minds at once and rid them of all worries because it is our newly employed "Emergency Worrybird." We figured with worrying how we'll keep our new year's resolutions, and with this new income tax blank confronting us, it's well worth our while having it around. Chances are he won't do us a heck of a lot of good, but he's already got his wrinkles. He flies backwards because he doesn't give a darn where he's going, but would like to find out where's he's been. . . . Come on gang, the next Forum meeting is Feb. 24. You'll be missing loads of fun if you don't mark your calendar right now, and plan to enjoy the food, fun, and the entertainment.

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

Tommy Nichol was home on furlough while enroute from Fort Riley, Kansas, to a New Jersey camp. . . . Eddie Kindelin reported a very successful rabbit hunting trip over a recent weekend. . . . Steve Marsh is in the hospital recuperating from an operation. . . . Tom Mitchell is again a grandfather, this time to a little lady. . . . John Kowalczyk's son, who is working for Uncle Sam in the Coast Artillery Corps, was recently home for a visit with the folks. . . . Bob Moriarty adopted a cute little lady fox terrier. He evidently is feeding her well because she hasn't bitten any chunks out of the switchman as yet. . . . Jack Royle, our sporty traffic man, hasn't been so successful lately in his match bowling with the result that Leonard Weber is smoking a lot of free cigars. If his luck doesn't change soon he may have to pawn some of his iridescent shirts to take care of the cigar expense. . . . Helen, daughter of Phillip Vukovich, was married Dec. 26 to Richard Satula.

Customers

BY RICHARD J. CAHILL

It can never be said that Owen Fee isn't an American with fighting blood in his veins. After several vain attempts to join the Armed Forces, he enlisted in the army of all armies, "The Benedicts." He doesn't know it yet, but he is in the front line trench from now on. Seriously, we wish Owen all the best in life. He has a grand wife, and she has a swell guy. . . . Ray Wadman was recently inducted into the Army and is now enjoying those good old "21 days." Good luck, Ray! If you see your pal Gene Sommers in your travels, say hello for all of us. . . . The Corporal himself, Art Weber, was in to see us. He looks as fit as a fiddle. . . . Bill Kelsey and yours truly have successfully passed the physical examination for induction into the U.S. Navy. 'Tis said that we will sometimes be routed out of our bunks in the middle of the night by an alarm of "general quarters." After years of jumping out of bed to quiet the youngsters who decide to re-enact the Adventures of the Green Hornet, The Lone Ranger, or the Shadow, about 2 A.M. "general quarters" will be a cinch. Just like home.

Isabelle Hankel is not light headed, but she sure takes to the air. Shown with her instructor, Paul Love.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

It's "off we go into the sky blue yonder" for Isabelle Hankel and her instructor, Paul Love. With four solo hours to her credit, "Izzy" is making great strides forward and giving us some stories about her experiences. We're all for her though because she is in real earnest about her flying. She is looking forward to the day when she can 'take her up,' fly far afield, and return to her home field. It won't be long now. . . . Earl Mester has just cause to feel proud of his latest visit to the blood bank not only because it was his thirteenth time, and he took so many people with him, but he has been largely instrumental in talking some of us who were a little 'scared' into going. There are quite a few silver buttons among the people of this department and more coming up. . . . In a recent letter from New Guinea, Jim O'Meara tells us he is anxious for mail from his friends. Should any of our boys want his address, just drop us a line and we will be glad to give it to you. . . . Letters to our servicemen are of great importance. Let's all try to write our boys more often.

Purchasing

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

When Donald R. Bell left the department he was promptly absorbed by the Navy, and was sent to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station for his elementary naval education ("boot" training). He has been kept quite busy and has even been doing some of his own laundering. Recently he passed his swimming test and no telling what may happen next. . . . L. D. Keeslar has established a rotating system of correspondence whereby every Monday he, every Wednesday his wife, and every Friday his mother write to their boys in service.

Receipts

BY ROSEMARY CLYNE

We extend a very hearty welcome to newcomers, Lola Campbell and Isabella Phillips, as well as a welcome to Betty Anderson who is back from that swell New York vacation. Florence Engstrom has returned from her beloved Wisconsin. . . . That happy gleam in Betty Sweetman's eye is not the gleeful thought of her approaching income tax. Now that hubby, Robert, has received his honorable discharge, he's stationed permanently at home. . . . We extend our very sincere sympathy to Lucy Coakley and her family on the death of her mother, the late Mrs. Tillie Coakley. . . . Alice Rootes is far from dejected these days as the time draws near for her brother, Frank, of the Army Quartermaster Corps., to come home on leave from Alaska.

Coke Sales

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

During maneuvers on the eve of his departure for overseas, Capt. Wm. D. Shaffer (son of Herman Shaffer, our Credit Manager), had the misfortune to fracture both heels, which will seriously interfere with Bill's activities, and his travels, for some time. . . . We sympathize with Martin McCauley in the loss of his wife's mother. . . . Ed. Becvar is a dry land sailor again, being stationed at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va., for a while. . . . Ray Schmitt writes from New Caledonia that he is helping get out a paper for the boys, patterned after the *New Yorker*, and is enjoying the chance to "Peglerize." . . . Income tax time has arrived again with its attendant frowns and headaches and Orley E. Webster has been appointed to help us straighten out the kinks. We strongly suspect he is going to be kept pretty busy. . . . Many thanks from this corner to Messrs. Cunningham and Morse for a very fine evening at the Scribes' Dinner.

Statistical

BY EDITH MOSGERS

Our Servicemen are on the move again, and for those who like to keep track of their friends, here are some new points of interest. Cpl. John Dolan is somewhere in England; Cpl. Edward Griffiths at Camp Stewart, Georgia; Cpt. C. H. White at State Selective Service Headqtrs., Columbus, Ohio, and George Lagodny F2/c at Melville, R. I. . . . We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Myron Conley S2/c, who was married while home on a thirty day leave, after nine months in Pacific waters. Mike has had some thrilling adventures, escaping with only a leg wound, for which we are all very thankful. The landing craft for tanks, on which he is stationed, participated in the landing at Rendova and the Munda Islands. . . . Keep up the good work, men, and let us hear from you. . . . We are very proud of Jane Sweeney, John Grindel, Thor Christiansen, and Edmund Martin, who are all wearing the Silver Pins awarded to three times blood donors. . . . Talent scouts—attention! If in search of talent, we have discovered to our surprise and delight, that the Stix Department can boast of two song-birds, Margaret Behrens and Margaret Jaeger. . . . We are glad to have George Morgan back with us, and hope he is off the sick list for good. . . . We extend a warm welcome to James A. Laing, assistant statistician in the General Statistics Section, who joined the organization recently.

Central District

BY JOHN F. BALCOM

The boys of Central District Shop were deeply grieved when they learned of the death of Charles Klopp who passed away on Sunday, January 30th, 1944, after a prolonged illness. Their sympathy goes out to the widow in her bereavement. Charlie's friends were many and his smile and also good natured joking will be missed by all who knew him. The following employes are on the ailing list, namely: Richard Doherty, Walter Warner, Frank Molinari, Thomas Madden, Frank Vitkovich, William McAndrews, John Heffernan and Robert Leahy. . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to the above mentioned men, and we hope to see them back to work very soon. We welcome back to work William Braun and Michael Bartishell who were on the sick list. The Central District bowling league has swung into the second half of its schedule and the shouts of "timber" resound through Conboy's Bowling "Emporium." . . . History has its Abe "rail-splitter" Lincoln, but the Central District Bowling League has its Dan "pin-splitter" Elliot. Something new has been added at Street Foreman Michael Cummins' residence. The "Stork" stopped at Mike's home on January 7, 1944, and left a 10 lb. bouncing baby girl. The Central District Forum held their first meeting of the 1944 season on January 20. The Official American League 1943 World Series picture was enjoyed by the 97 employees who attended. Sgt. Thomas Size, of the Army Air Forces, and Pvt. Francis Klawitter, of the Armored Command, were welcomed at the shop on their recent furloughs. It's nice seeing you fellows who are in the Armed Services, and we hope you always remember to stop in for a short visit when you're in the vicinity.

Mary Hynan relaxes.

Customers Order

BY CARL HAASE

PICTURED is our lovely Mary Hynan in our series of pin up girls. . . . John F. Murtaugh ended a long career January 31, when he left his post with the Company to begin his well earned retirement. That phrase "begin his retirement," is deliberate and well considered—other people may just retire or go into retirement, meaning that they become inactive, but no one who knows "John" would make the mistake of thinking that his will be an ordinary retirement. Jessie Dowen, our superintendent, presented John with a handsome traveling bag as a token of esteem from his co-workers in the department. John's career covers a span of over 40 years with the company. He was born in Beckett, Massachusetts, but has hustled around in our vicinity for a good number of years. . . . Congratulations are extended to the following newly elected Harmony Club Officers. Pres. Frank Vita, Vice-Pres, Carl Melin, Sec. Charles Styler, and Treas. Eugene La Fond. . . . We of the Dept. extend our congratulations to Messrs. E. W. Christell, D. E. Collins and A. Egli in their recent promotions and wish them success in their new assignments. . . . We extend our deepest sympathy to Frank Agnew in the recent loss of his brother.

Meter Reading

BY STEPHEN A. FORAN

BOB NUTTING has acquired two more trophies to add to his collection of prizes as an ice-skating champion. He won the city championship in the quarter-mile and half-mile events held recently at Garfield Park lagoon. Bob, incidentally, has returned to us after serving about fifteen months in the armed services. . . . If nothing else, this department can boast that its members are certainly photogenic. A number of them have had their pictures in the daily papers in the last few weeks. John Miceli, teaching another soldier the fine points of the rifle range; Bob Nutting, in his ice-skating regalia; Warren Ossmann, in a man-on-the-street column; and two new meterettes, Earline Luke and Genevieve Byrd, very snappy looking in their uniforms. . . . The above mentioned young ladies were accompanied by Eddie Sullivan and Fred Swinson their first day on the street. . . . Our latest contribution to the armed services is Jack Shannon, of the 63rd Street store. He is Navy bound. Loads of luck, Jack. . . . Moe, that mythical meter-reader, has just rushed in to inform us that the sketches accompanying the article on meter readers in the last issue of the News were of no one else but him. "But," he wails, "they drew 'em when I wasn't looking. No wonder no one recognized me!" . . . We received most welcome and interesting letters from our boys in service who are on all parts of the globe. Recent letters were received from Earl Wasserman, Wallace Weckler, and Charles Murray. . . . In a letter received from Thomas McNicholas, we heard about the death of his father. The sympathies of the department are extended to Tom and his family. . . . Condolences are also extended to Joseph Carney and family whose father passed away on December 9.

Research and Testing

BY WILLIAM EGAN

DUE TO OUR FORMER SCRIBE, Julius W. Hanko, entering the armed services, the Research and Testing division news column has not appeared recently. Your new scribe hopes to bring you up to date, and, in the future, keep you posted on the latest news. . . . Speaking of our latest recruit in Uncle Sam's army, "Bud" Hanko is stationed at Camp Kohler, California. He reports the "dew" as being heavy this time of year. He is rapidly approaching the pink of condition having added two inches to his height after completing fifteen hours of K.P. You may get "Bud's" address from your scribe. . . . Samuel Cohn and James Gallagher are the new chairman and secretary, respectively, of our Safety Meetings. New appointees to the safety inspection committee are Herbert Frederick, Frank Mueller, and Robert Wittmann, while the holdover members are James Crane, George Keenan, and Frank Witting. Frank Witting was elected chairman and George Keenan, secretary, of the newly constituted committee. Mark Kleeberg and Joe Misiak, the retiring members of the original inspection committee, deserve a vote of thanks for the fine safety program they helped to develop. We feel that with such a program, we cannot fail to extend our accident-less period indefinitely. Our present record is 30 months. . . . It was voted at our January safety meeting to use the Safety Contest prize, won by the division, to replenish our flower and servicemen's fund. . . . The Lancel Jacobson's had a new arrival at their home last December. Father and baby are doing nicely. . . . If you have neglected to keep posted on your higher mathematics, Stanley Modzikowski, our income tax expert, may be able to help you fill out your income tax return. . . . Our Skokie correspondent, Harold Latham, reports that Louis Rinaldi, who has been seriously ill, is well on the road to recovery. . . . We extend our deepest sympathies to Grover Dade and his family in the recent loss of his father.

Bill Delivery

BY ROSEMARIE PATEK

RICHARD WHEATON who has just finished his training at Navy Pier, recently visited his old department. . . . Uncle Sam is really in the market for A-1 men for he collected two of our best men to serve in his armed forces. Good luck to Wesley Taeterow and August Goldschmidt who worked as inspectors for the Bill Delivery. . . . Welcome to our new inspectors, Charles Scannell and Harry Shanks. We know they will do their job well! . . . Congratulations are in order again for Margie Madsen who has accepted a new name not only for the duration, but for life. It's Mrs. M. Mannow from now on. . . . You don't need an appointment to have your hair re-styled or even set. Come in a few minutes early and Freida Jauch will be glad to accommodate you. . . .

Treasury-Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to Owen Fee and his lovely bride, Muriel Keeley, who tied the knot at St. Cyril's Church on January 22. You lucky kids, it's not everyone who can have a honeymoon in Milwaukee. . . . Our little Dorothy Gnaedinger almost became a Wave the other day. Seems Dorothy was standing too close to a group of recruits who were being sworn in. She became suspicious when she was asked to raise her right hand. We lost more girls that way. . . . To our first soldier to go overseas, Pfc. Dan Troccoli, we wish, simply, "good luck." Not much more we can say, Dan, but you know what we mean. . . . Credit and Collection just couldn't get along without Jim McGinley and Ed Collins so back they went. . . . Welcome to Marie Ognibene, Gertrude Polson, and Anne Flamm. . . . Don't miss the next Employe Forum meeting; it'll be a big surprise.

Messenger Service

BY FRANCES CONNOR

Shirley Mae Scheubert, Dorothy Curtis, Carol Choitz, and Warren Ossmann are the latest additions to our section. . . . We hope Florence Brendisi is a second Louise Costa, whose place she is taking in the Ante Room. Louise left us to work for Arthur Skelton in the General Accounting department. . . . Theresa Barrett is Urban Stucker's new assistant. We know she is going to be a valuable one. . . . Raymond Leighton and Burley Juell are our blood donors of the month. No one knows better than Burley Juell how valuable is the donation. . . . Mrs. Heckinger's little boy, Jackey, paid us a visit this month. Some child! He is about a hundred and ninety pounds.

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

Annuitant, William Burkhardt, dropped in for a visit. Billy was chauffeuring his brother Harry around for the day and impressed us as a hail and hearty young man eager to see the world and renew old acquaintances. Drop in often, Billy. . . . We missed our servicemen's mail this month as the only one who wrote was James Canty from his "Pleasant English Country-side." Our aim is to have you boys read about each other in the Gas News so news from the front is always in demand. . . . Resourceful Tony Abbate reports, after scouting by telephone, that Lt. Hughie Cornyn has returned from a mission in Scotland and is now globe-trotting again. Pfc. John Smit has received those over-seas shots and is probably on his way by now. Our Aerial Tail Gunner, Sgt. Eugene Sullivan is now stationed in Tonopah, Nevada.

Service Dispatching

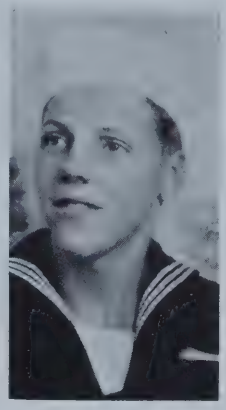
BY GEORGE KAZUNAS

Forum: The mystery of the missing Forum Bulletin was solved when Frank Walsh admitted taking same home to show to the "Missus," because Frank wanted to attend the doings that nite. . . . vitamins: After trying out vitamin pills for colds, lack of energy, fallen arches, etc., Larry O'Connor tried out a good night's rest. That was the only medicine needed. The ash-can got what was left of the cure-alls. . . . military visitors: Cpl. Tom Size of Central District has gained so much weight as an instructor in Flight Engineering, he is now affectionately known as Mister Five-by-five. See-Bee Fred Murphy of North District, now at Frisco, can be rated as a glamour-boy after being entertained by movie stars. Another case of "Gas Man makes the grade."

Peoples Gas Post No. 336

BY S. J. MODZIKOWSKI

Here is Aviation Machinist Mate, Albert J. Ward, 19, son of our Junior Vice-Commander, "Al" Ward, Commercial Sales. He is stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Glenview. . . . It is estimated that 600,000 members of the American Legion have sons in service. . . . Senior Vice-Commander, Ivan Anderson, is back on the job and the Post membership immediately started pointing upward. To date, we have 245 paid-up members. . . . Tony Bocklitz, Office of the Building, is recuperating at home. . . . The Old Photograph Drive is now in progress. Honorable mention goes to Walter Ohmacht for his efforts in helping to make this drive a success. . . . Don't you want to bring some happiness to a lonely soldier or sailor overseas? Your contributions of old phonograph records will help to do just that. Contact Past Commander Dowen, Extension 2200. Recommended reading matter for Comrades Bill Kenny, Christ Madiol, Jack Mroz, Lou Hollembaek, Paul Dryer, and Claude Larmer: *"Old Drummers Never Die,"* American Legion Magazine, January, 1944. . . . Remember that our soldiers and sailors are fighting harder than ever. Are you buying more war bonds than ever? As Legionnaires, we must not fail them.



Albert J. Ward

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

Our "Bombigator," 2nd Lt. Jim Breen, visited us during his furlough from De-Ridder, Louisiana, looking quite fit. Good to see you again, Jim! . . . Navy Air Cadet Tony DiLullo writes that he is flying all over Florida finishing his training in preparation for that commission and assignment to duty. He hopes and believes he will wind up aboard an aircraft carrier. . . . Margery Voigt left the Company to resume full time secretarial studies; it will be like a ray of sunshine gone. . . . Twenty-five years of service with the Company was celebrated by Harold Winzer in January. That is quite a record in any light, especially to the newer members of the outfit. However, in this department, Harold is still "junior" to the few "veterans" of the Auditing Department who have close to forty years' service.

Arthur Reardon is deserving of the citation awarded him by the U. S. Treasury Department.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

Arthur L. Reardon, a member of our department, has been awarded a citation from the United States Treasury Department for his activities in the sale of War Bonds. As a member of the Speakers Bureau of the Illinois War Finance Committee, Art has been speaking in theatres, War Plants, and on the radio. . . . Congratulations, also, to Daniel J. Driscoll, who has been elected a member of the Board of Directors and a member of the all important Credit Committee, Peoples Gas Employe's Credit Union. . . . Have you noticed the added zip and spring in the step of our Tim Dowling? Well! the very good reason is that Tim recently became a grandpa. . . . Our heartfelt sympathy pours out to Frank Snyder in the recent loss of his dear little Spyrob, (Spy for short). We all know how attached Frank was to him; but, the other day, Spy went to his greater reward in dog heaven. . . . Bruno Burba and Tony Calabrese, of Camp McClellan, Alabama, were released from the hospital and have returned to active duty.

Industrial Sales

BY WILLIAM HELME

"Hop" Rehfeldt's son Don has been making the headlines of the local sporting pages. Star center for the Amundsen High basket ball team, he is the leading point maker in the Public School League. . . . It seems good to see Ernie Gates and Bill Riach back on the job again. Bill is still hobbling around on crutches but threatens to scrap them any day now. . . . It looked like Army & Navy Day in the office recently. Joe Vesley and Al Schultz representing the Army were home on furlough and Bill Chapman of Uncle Sam's Navy flew in on a few day's leave. . . . Oscar Bowen's son with the Fighting Seebees somewhere in the South Pacific has been sending home some nice trophies, one being a Japanese rifle picked up near the scene of action.

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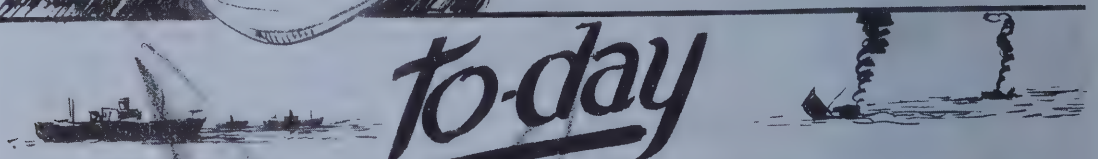

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1943 stands as a significant milestone along the tortuous road of war in our march toward Victory. During the year, an aroused and battle-conscious America, spurred to greater effort by the bestiality of its enemies and the heroism of its fighting men, unleashed a flood of war weapons which far exceeded any preconceived expectations.

It was a magnificent display of this nation's tremendous industrial might, and may well mark the turning point of the war in favor of the United Nations.

Peoples Gas and its employes have played a part in this record-breaking industrial production. Furthermore, gas men and women have contributed time, energy, and money in support of numerous spare time civilian activities sponsored by various home front war organizations. As we review these accomplishments of the year just passed, let us strongly resolve to redouble our efforts to assist a united America to make Victory a reality rather than a hope during 1944.

As we look backward at 1943, we find many things for which to be thankful, and numerous accomplishments for which we can justly be proud, even though Victory is but a steadily-growing spot on the Horizon. On the production front, the manufacture of war materials reached full stride, and the full effect of our nation's tremendous industrial power was beginning to be felt by our enemies.

On the global battlefronts, our fighting men saw the whites of the enemy's eyes, and significant military advancements were the result. It was a year during which offense was substituted for defense, and the united nations began to capitalize on the mistakes of the Axis.

It was also a memorable year for our Company. Despite shortages of material and manpower, Peoples Gas distributed more gas to its Industrial customers than during any other year in its history. While essential civilian services in the home and elsewhere were maintained, the Company met the demands for gas fuel needed by a greatly expanded industry in a great war production metropolis. These demands were met, moreover, without curtailing the supply to any group of established customers.

A large number of Peoples Gas employes can also feel proud of their individual contributions to the war effort during 1943. Not being satisfied with doing their daily tasks in an essential industry, great numbers of them have engaged in various "extra-curricular" activities of a patriotic nature. These activities range from paper, grease, and tin can salvage at home to giving blood donations, and the list includes selling and buying war bonds, giving radio talks, sharing the ride to conserve transportation, helping war vets with their problems, and a number of similar pursuits.

It is to be hoped that these employes will continue their extra effort into 1944, and that others will seek ways of serving in some spare time line of duty. 1944 gives no promise of being an "easy" year—either for the boys on the firing line or the folks at home. We must all accept that fact on its face value and do something about it if Victory is to be ours in 1944.

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The Cover

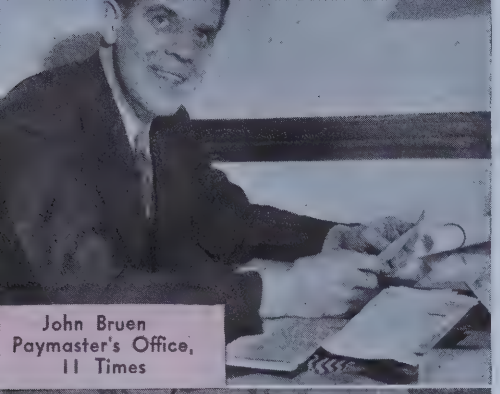
Behind every plane part, and behind each and every piece of war ordnance is a saga of carefully selected raw materials, ingenuous fabrication processes, and thousands of different heat treatments in the war production plants which manufacture them.

These heat treatments are scientifically administered, so that each bullet, each gun part, and the myriad rivets and welds that hold those machines of destruction together will do their job better in the hands of our men than the armament of our enemies.

Also, behind the production scenes is that constantly flowing gas which makes possible the controlled application of heat in the manufacture of better arms for our fighting men. The Cover picture of this issue shows the gas flow control board at Calumet Station, which starts the gas on its way to the homes and factories whenever and wherever needed. Above and below the control board photo are shown the planes which gas heat helps to make for our nation and its allies.

Five or More Times to the Blood Bank

Donating vital blood plasma to help save the lives of our wounded warriors, is one of the popular war contributions of Peoples Gas Employes



John Bruen
Paymaster's Office,
11 Times

Edward Anderson
Drafting, 9 Times

William Zuse
Industrial Sales,
5 Times

George Hess
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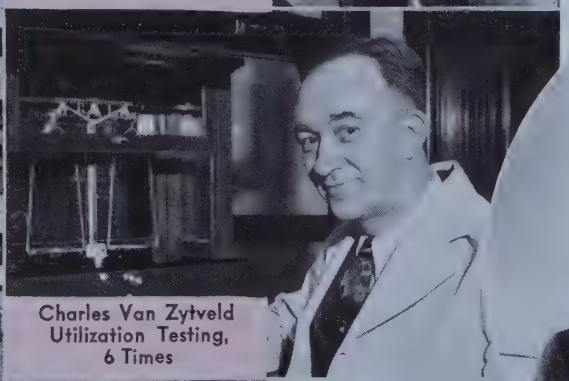
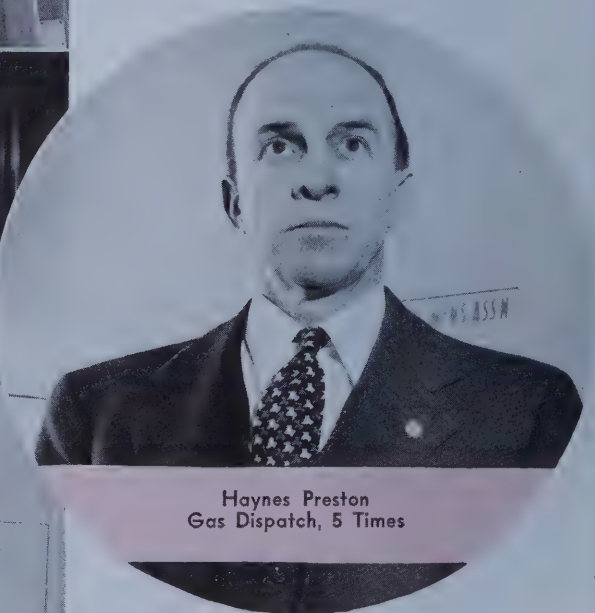


Charles Van Zytveld
Utilization Testing,
6 Times

Eva Schoettes
Building Dept. 9 Times

During 1943, twenty-six employes gave their blood to the bank five times or more in the hope that it would aid some fighting lad in dire need of it. There are actually hundreds of gas men and women who have visited the Red Cross bank to donate blood, once or more, but they cannot be mentioned here due to space limitations. However, the "five times or more" point has only been reached by those pictured here, plus a few others whose pictures we were unable to obtain.

There were two departments who had three blood donors with five or more times to their credit. From the Customers Department, William Kelsey donated twelve times, whereas Albert Smith and William Cepek donated five times each. The other department with the same number of blood donors was the Customer Accounting Department.



Haynes Preston
Gas Dispatch, 5 Times

Dorothy Irving made eight donations, while Marian Bridges and Mildred Bourke donated seven and six times respectively.

Earl Mester, Correspondence Department, visited the Red Cross center twelve times in 1943, and John Bruen of the Paymaster's Office, as well as Wilbur Haase, Meter Reading Department, donated eleven times.

Gertrude Gaupp, Treasury Receiving and Eva Schoettes, Building Dept., have each made the trip eight times.

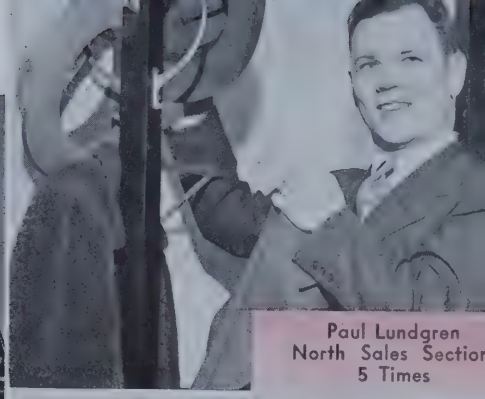
James Waddick, Credit and Collection; Childs Watts, Calumet Station; Laurence Fritts and Charles Van Zytveld, Research and Testing; and Ralph Griffin, North Sales Section have each visited the blood bank six times.

Five time donors (most of whom are pictured on these pages) are Timothy Tierney, North District; William Zuse, Industrial Sales; George Kazunas, Distribution; Maurice Huntley, North Station; Paul Lundgren and George Hess of the North Sales; Haynes Preston, Gas Dispatching; and Elmer Beckwith, Photographic.

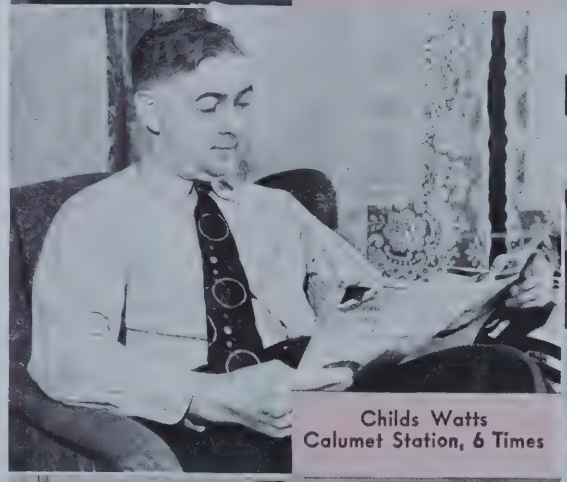
Probably the largest mass donation from one department on a single day was that arranged by the Meter Repair when thirty-two employes visited the Red Cross in two groups. These men made three mass pilgrimages to the blood bank during 1943—on June 9, September 7, and November 7.

These are just a few examples of what has been done by Peoples Gas personnel during 1943 to save the lives of our fighting fellow-Americans. They are going "all-out" for us, let's make our 1944 record better than ever.

George Kazunas
Distribution, 5 Times



Paul Lundgren
North Sales Section
5 Times



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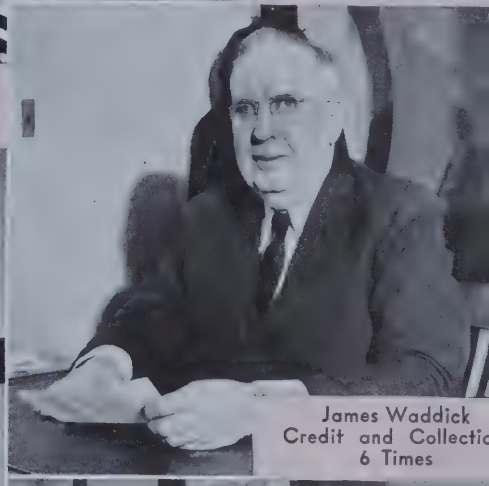

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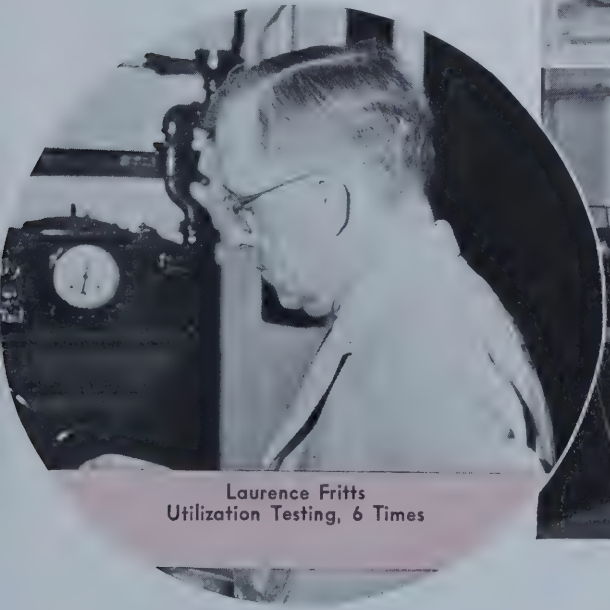


Laurence Fritts
Utilization Testing, 6 Times

Dorothy Irving
Customer Accounting,
8 Times

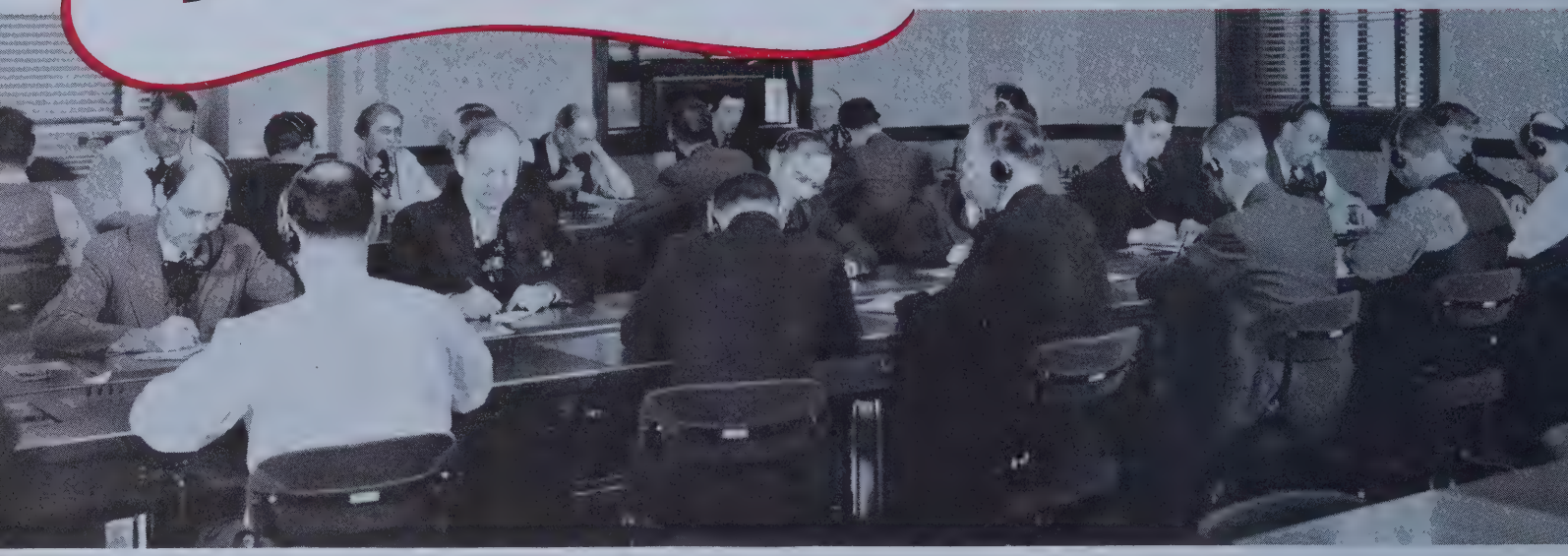
Gertrude Gaupp
Treasury-Receiving,
8 Times

Richard Bowen

The Telephone Order Section, below, is the place where customers calls for service are received, proper forms are filled out, and sent onward to other departments where the work is completed.

Our Wartime Service Program

How several departments have coordinated their efforts in a program designed to assist customers in the operation and preservation of their gas appliances.



ONE of the Company's chief responsibilities during the present war emergency is to see that the appliances of its gas customers are kept in good working order, no matter what shortages of manpower, or limitations of gas fuel may grow out of the present emergency.

So important is this job, that the employes of several departments in the Company are doing everything they can to maintain customer service as closely as possible to the average prewar levels. During these critical times, everything that can be done to meet the needs of our war production customers and the war workers on the home front, will have its effect in our total war effort.

The Company established its wartime service program over a year ago, and has been making improvements in it ever since. To help conserve manpower and appliances, and so as to comply with the government's mileage conservation order (reducing all business mileage 25 per cent) the Company made three important steps.

The first was to schedule its automobile mileage on a "route" basis, and eliminate all special trips, except those which were requested in an emergency. The second was directed toward educating the customers to know more about the operation and preservation of their gas appliances. The third was to instruct the Company's customer contact employes so that they can be of assistance to gas users who phone the Company with specific service problems.

During the present emergency, the Company is giving customers more information on their gas appliances than they have ever had before. Gas

Below is a section of the Househeating files in the Customers Order department, where the complete service record of every house heating customer is immediately available. Seated left to right are Rosemary Reamar, and Jane Harris.

The Service Dispatching Section, where instructions by phone are given to gas service men in the field for work to be completed in their districts. Left to right, are George Kazunas, William Carey, Frank Walsh, Joseph Mittelman, Roland Franzen, Laurence O'Connor and Harry Burns.

users are, therefore, being asked to cooperate with the Company in the use of their equipment so that they can continue to enjoy the best possible service from the appliances.

The principal informational medium on the subject of conservation consists of four booklets on the subject of space heating, cooking, water heating, and refrigeration. The booklets contain information of a general nature about the appliances, and outline brief facts which will help the customer to check the operation of the appliance before phoning to the Gas Company for service.

Many requests for service are handled by the Customers Department, on the main floor of the Gas Building. Here is where the customer makes a personal visit to conduct his business with the Company. Interviewing customers are, left to right, James Lomasney, Oscar Olson, and Joseph Flanagan.

Men Trained to Help

Special classes of instruction have been held expressly for customer contact employes. Their training itinerary included visits to the district shops, the fitters school, and to other places where they can absorb, through actual contact with the appliances, the information which they require to assist customers. The employes who were involved in the special training are: thirty-five men from the Customers Department, who contact customers personally at the main and branch offices of the Company; and forty-four from the Telephone Order Section of the Customers Order Department, who answer customer inquiries by telephone.

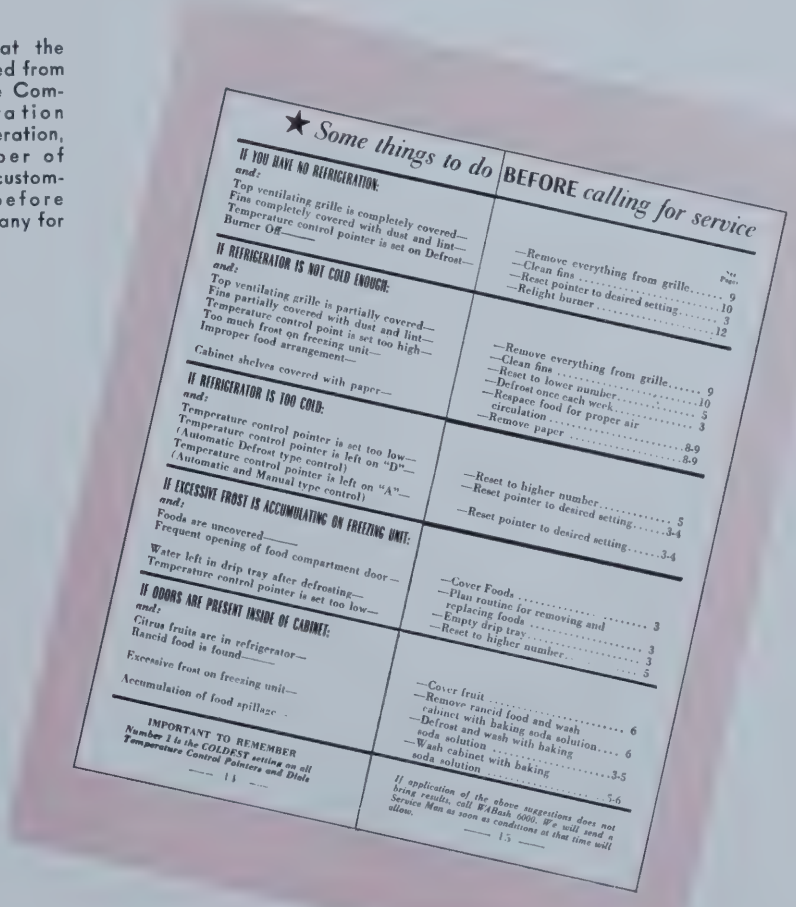
Helpful cooperation is rendered by the above mentioned departments in properly answering customer requests for information. The procedure is generally pleasing to the customer and the Company alike, because it provides satisfactory attention to the inquiry without delay.

Just to make sure that the customer's request for service is handled satisfactorily, the Customers Order Department sends a follow-up letter to all customers in cases where the service assistance was completed by telephone instruction. The letter, accompanied by an instruction book, thanks her for her cooperation.

The Company bases its emergency program on the belief that in wartime, gas customers as well as the Company consider the conservation of gas appliances to be a part of their patriotic duty. By operating and maintaining their appliances correctly, customers can overcome conditions that may have eventually caused them trouble. And by cooperating with the gas company, they are helping to conserve valuable manpower, tires, gasoline, and other critical materials needed for essential war purposes.

The wartime conservation program is not, in any sense, designed to relieve the Company of any of its actual service responsibilities. In fact, as is made clear in one of its conservation booklets, the Company stands ready to answer all necessary service requests in cases where the assistance of an experienced gas serviceman is necessary.

The illustration at the right is reproduced from the pages of the Company's conservation booklet on refrigeration, listing a number of items which the customer can check before calling the Company for service.



★ *Some things to do* | **BEFORE** *calling for service*

IF YOU HAVE NO REFRIGERATION: *and:*
Top ventilating grille is completely covered— —Remove everything from grille.....
Fins completely covered with dust and lint— —Clean fins.....
Temperature control pointer is set on Defrost— —Reset pointer to desired setting.....
Burner Off— —Relight burner.....

IF REFRIGERATOR IS NOT COLD ENOUGH: *and:*
Top ventilating grille is partially covered— —Remove everything from grille.....
Fins partially covered with dust and lint— —Clean fins.....
Temperature control point is set too high— —Reset to lower number.....
Too much frost on freezing unit— —Defrost once each week.....
Improper food arrangement— —Respace food for proper air circulation.....
Cabinet shelves covered with paper— —Remove paper.....

IF REFRIGERATOR IS TOO COLD: *and:*
Temperature control pointer is set too low— —Reset to higher number.....
Temperature control pointer is left on "D"— —Reset pointer to desired setting.....
(Automatic Defrost type control)
Temperature control pointer is left on "A"— —Reset pointer to desired setting.....
(Automatic and Manual type control)

IF EXCESSIVE FROST IS ACCUMULATING ON FREEZING UNIT: *and:*
Foods are uncovered— —Cover Foods.....
Frequent opening of food compartment door— —Plan routine for removing and replacing foods.....
Water left in drip tray after defrosting— —Empty drip tray.....
Temperature control pointer is set too low— —Reset to higher number.....

IF ODORS ARE PRESENT INSIDE OF CABINET: *and:*
Citrus fruits are in refrigerator— —Cover fruit.....
Rancid food is found— —Remove rancid food and wash cabinet with baking soda solution.....
Excessive frost on freezing unit— —Defrost and wash with baking soda solution.....
Accumulation of food spillage— —Wash cabinet with baking soda solution.....

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER
Number 1 is the COLDEST setting on all Temperature Control Pointers and Dials

If application of the above suggestions does not bring results, call WABash 6000. We will send a Service Man as soon as conditions at that time will allow.

Industrial Gas on the Production Front

Among the many industrial uses for gas is the one shown above, where flames are directed under pressure to dry ladles for steel pouring at a south side plant.

SEVENTY-NINE MILLION THERMS. That number caught your eye, didn't it? It should, even in these days of billions. But it isn't money this time. It represents the number of therms of gas sold by our Industrial Sales Department during 1943 and the summer large volume water heating load.

Let's stop and look at the record and analyze it a bit. First, how much gas is 79 million therms? You're right, it's a lot—practically enough gas to supply the annual normal cooking and water heating requirements for nearly five hundred and fifty thousand average homes in Chicago; or another way to put it is to say it is enough gas to care for the total annual home needs, exclusive of space heating, of a city the size of Philadelphia—approximately two to two and a quarter million persons.

Now, for years the gas sales to industrial customers has represented a fair share of the company's total gas sendout. The record shows that sales in certain years have been as follows:

1929—34,000,000 therms
1939—37,000,000 therms
1941—57,000,000 therms
1942—62,000,000 therms
1943—79,000,000 therms

Thus, we see that in 1943 the company more than doubled its 1939 industrial sendout and increased 1942 sales by approximately twenty-six per cent. This growth has made 1943 the banner year for the Industrial end of the business, and it is recognized that the war production is responsible. Certain facts, however, are worthy of comment and will help explain the growth of gas use in industry in our city.

Since the beginning of 1943 more than ten large firms have opened new plants in Chicago and signed large volume contracts to use our gas to help in the manufacture of ships, tanks, guns, aircraft and ordnance materiel of almost every known description.

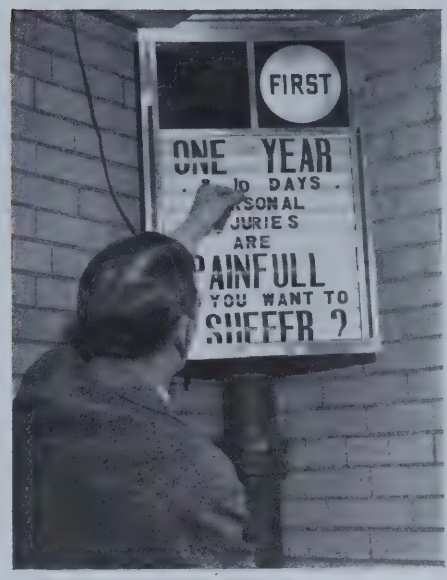
Many of our regular customers have broken away from their normal production and gone into war work, as for example, one manufacturer went from coffins to shells, another from juke boxes to .30 calibre carbines, still another from gas water heaters to Bazooka guns; and there are many others too numerous to mention now.

Then, again, we find new applications for gas use playing their part in bringing about the load increase. For instance, we can burn our gas and use the products of combustion to supply the "burp" in soft drinks, or by slightly altering the method of burning the gas, generate a so-called "atmosphere" which has many uses in the heat treatment of metals, or again to act as an agent in the manufacture of paints and chemicals.

This article will not permit of any detail, but we should mention that the progress attained in industrial engineering owing to the war's impetus is probably equal to what would normally be accomplished in ten years during peace time.

All in all, it's been a big year for the Industrial Sales personnel. They all had their collective nose to the well known grindstone and liked it. And as for 1944? Well, their motto is: "bring it on and let's get this war job over FAST."

Smashing Records For Safety



1943 was a banner year for safety, featuring a general reduction in lost time injuries, and the establishment of new departmental records for continuous accident prevention.

THE year 1943 was an outstanding one for safety in the Peoples Gas organization. Two safety contests were launched early in the year to spur the individual departments onward to new safety achievements, and the final result was a substantial decrease in lost time injuries. This aggregate accident reduction was accomplished in the face of sharp rises in the accident rate of industry throughout the country.

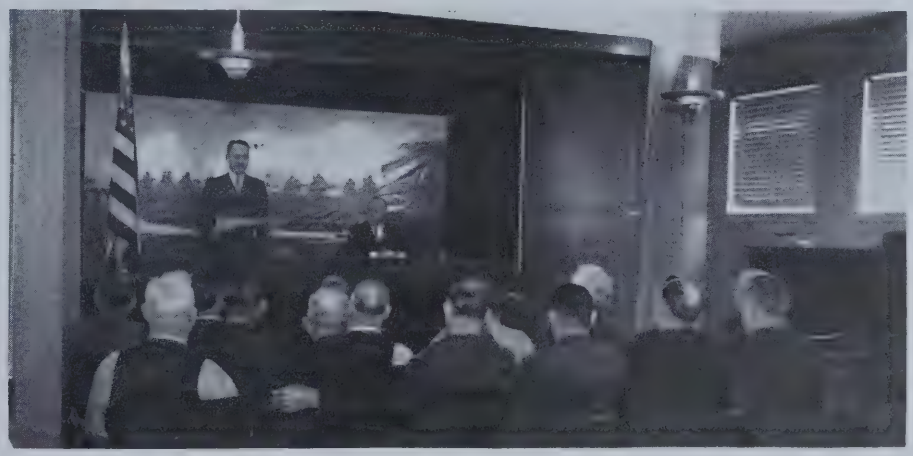
In their combined efforts to reduce the Company's accident rate, several individual departments established enviable safety records, eclipsing all previous marks for continuous, accident-free operation.

Foremost among individual operating units was 22nd Street Station, whose employes have worked for three consecutive years without a lost time injury. The Station also won the 1943 safety contest in its group, and bought War Stamps with the prize money.

North District topped all previous no-accident records by going for an entire year without a single lost-time injury. This record was made by a district comprising almost 250 men, working under a wide assortment of duties on which traffic hazards and numerous other possibilities for accident and injury are constantly present.

North District was also the winner of its competitive group in the Company-wide safety contest which ended on December 31, 1943.

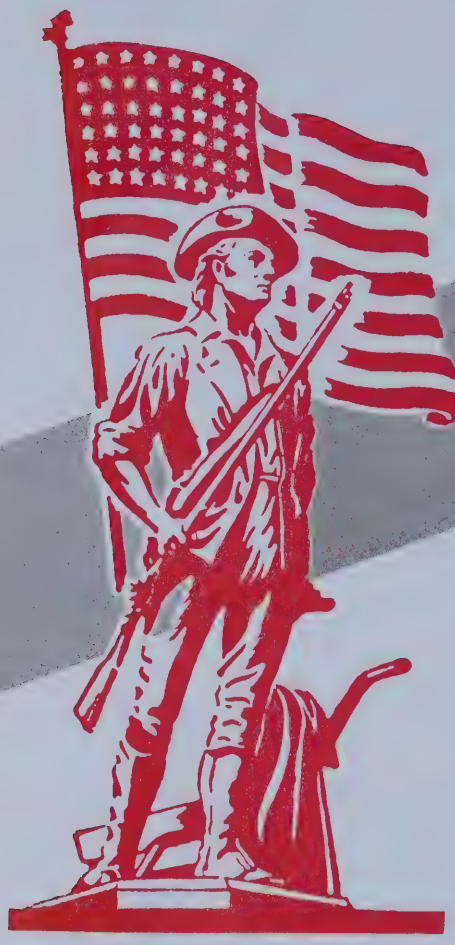
The Company's over-all safety record showed a 47 per cent decrease in lost time injuries compared with 1942. Furthermore, the average number of days lost due to injury on the job was reduced 25 per cent, while the compensation paid to convalescing workmen was one third less than that paid during the previous year.



Above, Thomas Dore, North District, adds another number to the shop's safety board showing that the North District has to its credit one year and ten days without a chargeable accident.

In the center photo is pictured a typical safety meeting presided over by John Heil and John Williamsen of North District. John Heil is explaining the safety rating program to the audience.

In the picture at left, John Johnsen, superintendent of 22nd Street Station, is shown with several members of his Supervisor's safety committee. They are, left to right, Lawson Harmon, Andrew Tomczak, John Suwanski, Superintendent Johnsen, William O'Shea, Edward Gallagher, and Waurny Wilson. The Station is celebrating three consecutive years of accident-free operation.



The MINUTE MAN Pays A Visit

Cooperating employes boost War Bond Sales from $27,000 to $80,000 in last fifteen days of the Fourth War Loan

THE Minute Man is no ordinary War Bond Salesman. He proved that fact when he visited Peoples Gas employes in a special Bond-selling campaign, and collected $53,000 from 872 employes—all of it in cash, during the short 15-day period beginning February 14.

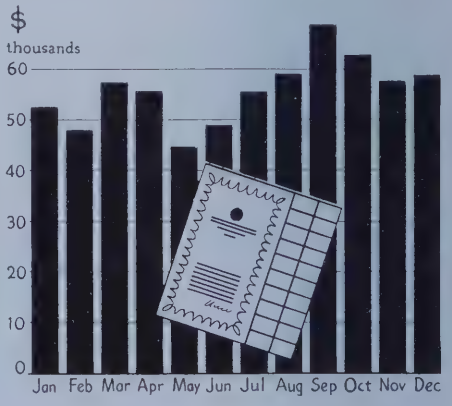
The Minute Man Campaign was inaugurated jointly by the Peoples Gas Club and the Peoples Gas Post No. 336, American Legion, for the purpose of stimulating the purchase of War Bonds among employes in a last minute "sales spurt" to mark the end of the 4th War Loan Drive. The plan, as conceived by the heads of the Club and the Legion Post, was to assemble a group of employes who would be willing to contact their fellow workers in their departments, and ask them to cooperate in the drive to purchase additional War Bonds. These purchases were in cash, over and above the payroll deductions authorized for that purpose.

Due to this extra effort on the part of employes who cooperated in the campaign, the total cash outlay for Bonds bought through the Company was increased to $80,450. Prior to the beginning of the Minute Man Campaign, only $27,075 was collected from the 1,190 employes who pledged themselves to cooperate with additional purchases during the 4th War Loan. The Drive officially opened on January 18, and closed on February 15.

The Minute Man campaign was launched at a special meeting in the Home Service Auditorium, February 16, which was attended by 325 employes, each being selected by the Club and Gas Post to contact a certain number of employes. At the meeting, the Minute Men heard inspirational talks by U. S. Treasury representatives Ernest Hoy, and Sarsfield Byrne, Vice President J. A. Cunningham, Sgt. James Green, U. S. Marine Corps, Richard Cahill, Gas Club president, and Christ Madiol, Gas Post commander.

Sgt. Green, who was wounded at Guadalcanal, spoke about his experiences overseas, and gave valid reasons why everyone should buy as many War Bonds as possible. At the close of the meeting, the Key Men, who directed the Minute Men, and the Minute Men themselves, received a kit containing instructions and forms which were necessary to make their sales. Fourth War Loan window stickers were also given the solicitors for every person buying a Bond.

BONDS *Issued to* EMPLOYES
by the Company During 1943



Peoples Gas Military Review

The employe Records section has compiled the figures used for this military review based on the information in their files. Inasmuch as promotions among such a large group of men are numerous, and all are not reported promptly, many recent changes in rank will not be included with this material.

LETTERS which have been received from many of our seven hundred and forty-two fighting men and women indicate that our former co-workers are spread to all parts of the world, on many battlefronts. Many of them proudly wear campaign ribbons and medals for serving under enemy fire.

Men from Peoples Gas were with the Marines and the Navy at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, and other South Pacific centers of action. They helped to rout the enemy from the Aleutians, received a baptism of fire in North Africa, and invaded the beaches of Sicily.

Where the fighting has been the thickest, and in places where world history is being made, gas men have bravely taken their part. They have served in undersea craft, and on battleships, have flown with bombs over Germany, and have emerged from dog fights in the air with enemy planes to their credit. In tanks, jeeps, and other land based equipment they have fought with the greatest combined offensive force ever assembled.

Of the 742 men and women in service from Peoples Gas, the Army, by far, claimed the greatest number. Exactly 523 officers and enlisted men are now either training or are on the battlefronts in Khaki uniforms.

There are eighty commissioned Army officers from Peoples Gas, and 443 non-commissioned officers. The privates number 208. Eight men from the Company reached the rank of Major, and two became Lt. Colonels.

The Naval forces of the country claimed 166 of the former gas workers, nineteen of which are commissioned officers. The non-commissioned officers in the Navy numbered 147, and seamen sixty-six. In the group are five Lieutenants (J.G.), six senior grade Lieutenants, and two Lt. Commanders.

Nineteen of our employes went to the Marine Corps, and of that number, eleven are non-commissioned officers. In the Merchant Marine are five gas men, one an assistant engineer and another a junior Assistant Purser. Ten men are in the Coast Guard, four of them being non-commissioned officers, and six of them seamen.

Among the women members of the military forces, twelve are in the WAVES, one is a member of the WAC, one is a member of the SPARS, and another is a member of the Women's Maritime Reserve.

Since war was declared, four employes of the Company have been reported as missing in action by the War Department. They are: Paul C. Cooke, Methods and Routines, Bertil Liljeberg, Gas Dispatching, Ray Connors, Refining Plant, and Don W. Hanslik, Domestic Sales. The latter was reported missing during January of 1944.

At the left of the picture is Elmer Stamm, a Marine, formerly of the South Sales section, serving chow to a two-star and a one-star general during the Tarawa campaign in the South Pacific.

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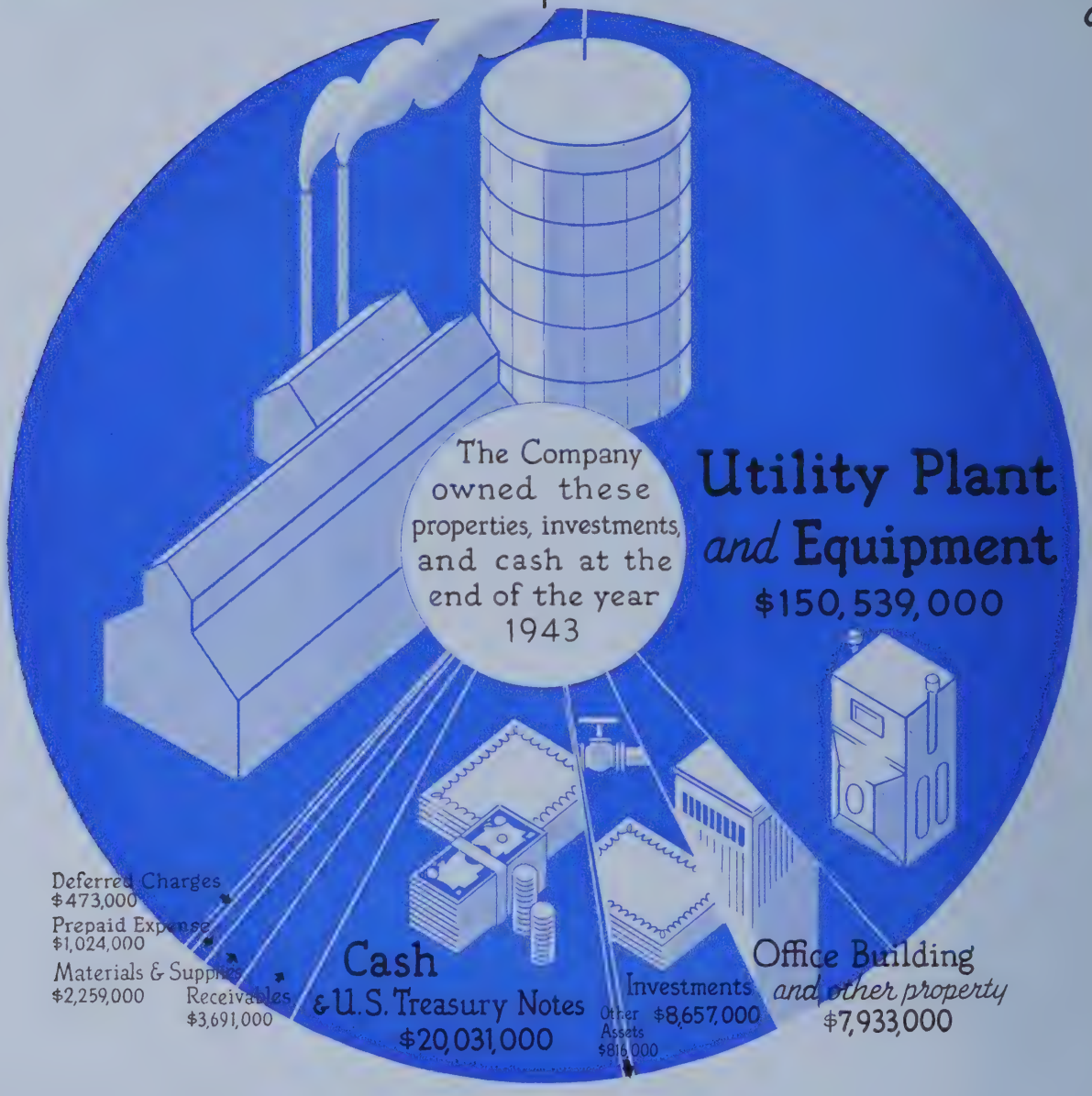

THE schedule of lower rates which was placed in effect on February 5, 1943, reduced operating revenues by approximately $3,440,000 annually. Total revenues from gas sales for 1943 were 4.22 per cent less than for 1942. The quantity sold, as expressed in therms, increased 3.11 per cent. Thus the increased volume of sales, largely caused by greater industrial activity due to war work, and colder weather throughout the year, partially offset the effect of the rate reduction.

THE cost of gas purchased during 1943 decreased $2,034,709 as compared with 1942. This reduction in cost resulted principally from lower rates for natural gas, placed into effect by the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America during 1942. One reduction became effective on April 1, 1942, and the other on September 20, 1942. Although 32,785,467 more therms of natural gas were purchased in 1943 than in 1942, the total cost of natural gas was $1,815,906 lower.

THE actual consolidated net income per share for 1943 was 48 cents less than that for 1942. It amounted to $5.62 per share as against $6.10 per share for 1942 on the 656,000 shares of capital stock outstanding.

COLDER weather during 1943, economic conditions, favorable to the greater use of gas, and a small gain in the number of customers, accounted for an increase of 7,191,623 therms in sales to residential customers. The

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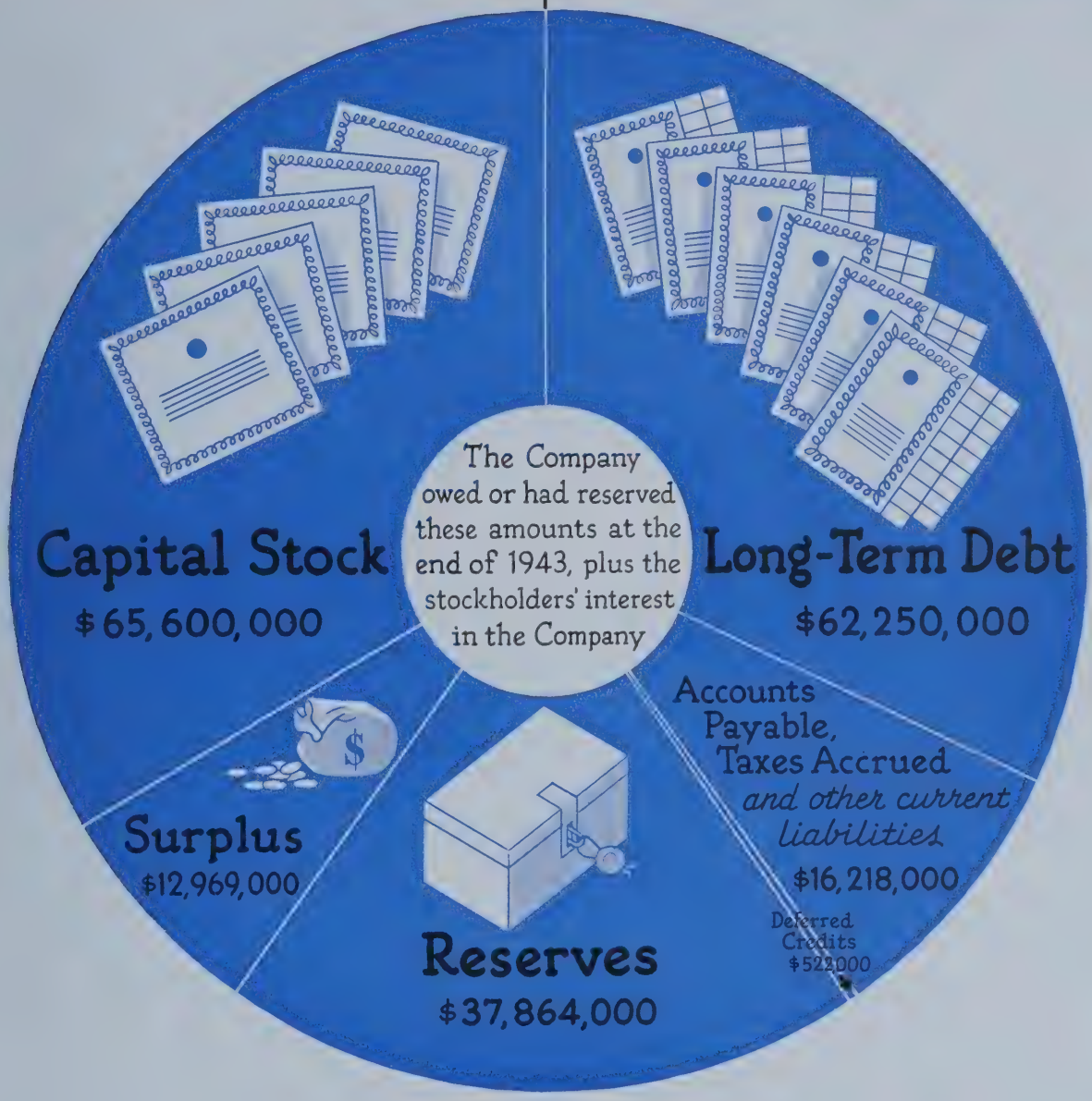

number of commercial customers decreased by more than 1,500, or about four per cent. Most of the customers of this class who ceased to use our service might best be described as "business fatalities caused by wartime shortages of labor and materials."

Sales of gas on an interruptible supply basis, which are made only at such times as natural gas is available after supplying all other customers, decreased 61,572,792 therms, or 25.5 per cent. Increased demands of customers served on a firm basis resulted in a smaller volume of natural gas being available for sale on an interruptible basis.

THE Company's Property, Plant, and Equipment account decreased during the year by $1,658,597, due largely to the retirement of the investment in the 73rd Street Holder, which was destroyed in an airplane accident on May 20, 1943. The holder was covered by aircraft insurance, and a satisfactory settlement has been made and paid, The cost of mains, services, and other property disposed of during the year amounted to $2,581,774.

CURTAILMENT of construction activities and liquidation of appliance accounts receivable, among other things, enabled the Company to purchase $4,550,000 principal amount of U. S. Treasury $\frac{7}{8}$ per cent Certificates of Indebtedness as a temporary investment.

$800 Per Week for Uncle Sam

That's the total weekly average of War Bonds and stamps sold by Peoples Gas girls in the lobby of the Roosevelt Theatre during 1943

WHEN the call was sounded for volunteers to sell War stamps, bonds, corsages, and boutonnieres during their free time at the Roosevelt Theatre, approximately 194 girls from various departments offered to be placed on the list to be called from time to time. These girls worked a total of 2,186 hours selling for Uncle Sam during 1943. The amount of money taken in was $40,475.75, or an average of $800 a week.

The girls who volunteered from the Customer Accounting department were: Ann Byrne, Mildred Bourke, Helen Biddison, Shirley Christafferson, Evelyn Clancy, Mary Clancy, Lucy Coakley, Dorothy Crane, Mary Cook, Lucille Cummings, Bess Dempsey, Betty DeSwarte, Helen Dettmer, Stasia Dragash, Josephine Druktenis, Florence Engstrom, Dolores Felten, Rita Fergus, Marylin Frestle, Rose Gaglia, Catherine Gallagher, Helen Gospordarek, Agnes Granitz, Eleanor Haines, Catherine Heaney, Margaret Henriksen, Shirley Mae Herbold, Frances Horvath, Teresa Hurley, Dorothy Irving, Lorraine Isom, Margaret Kavanaugh, Helen Kinney, Adele Lange, Marie Layden, Josephine Madiol, Roberta Malloy, Mary Louise McGowan, Helen McGuire, Ann McTaggart, Eileen Miller, Frieda Mittelman, Teresa Modzikowski, Edna Mohr, Rita Mulveil, Harriet Mydlach, Edith Nielsen, Lois Nordeen, Janet Olenski, Cecilia Peters, Arlene Postal, Geraldine Quinlan, Mary Reid, Josephine Rimkus, Mary Roche, Alice Rootes, Leonore Rousseau, Roma Schwenke, Ella Shuma, Eileen Sidlau, Evelyn Sitkiewicz, Evelyn Strohm, Margaret Sullivan, Jacqueline Surprenant, Ann Thompson, Catherine Walsh, Frances Weismantel, Grace Wesley, Eleanor Westoll, Bernice Whittman, Vivian Williams, Evelyn Witt, Margaret Witt, and Maida Zahringer.

Volunteers from the Treasury department were: Alice Bantle, Ruth Carlson, Irene Cink, Rita Clancy, Betty Ruth Clifton, Bette Coleman, Ruth Crandall, Relda Day, Alice Delaney, Rosemary Gleason, Helen Glowacki, Dorothy Gnaedinger, Julie Hartlev, Lorraine Hay, Elaine Jacobsen, Lillian Jacobson, Muriel Keeley, Mary Limparis, Helen Levand, Ruth McElroy, Elizabeth McLaren, Barbara Mortenson, Rita Moser, Eileen Nestor, Dorris Ann Nordmark, Althea Olson, Erla Pascoe, Edna Ristau, Elise Rodriguez, Janet Ross, Anne Sheehan, Genevieve Smith, Helen Trella, and Mary Ellen Troy.

Volunteer workers from the Personnel department were: Marion Bona, Marion Bryant, Beatrice Burris, Patricia Cronin, Betty Crotty, Istalena Cox, Genevieve Danaher, Harriet Grund, Dolores Drwal, Alice Garratt, Mercedes Gordon, Isabelle Hankel, Shirley Bagels, Anita Lund, Florence Magnuson, Patricia Marcotte, Miriam Nelson, Helen Nevens, Irma Peters, Louise Peters, Eleanor Rada, Maxine Rhody, Ruth Sblewski, Mary Sherman, Rosemary Steinwand, Marylou Swigart, Doris Slavicek, Lucy Josephine Watson, and Ruth Zeland.

The Customers Order department volunteers were: Agnes Black, Jane Black, Helen Bosak, Florence Creighton, Mary Evans, Margaret Frank, Marge Frumveller, Leona Goodney, Betty Hoigard, Mary Hynan, Eileen Kane, LaVerne Kasmer, Mary Ellen Killion, Dorothy Leslie, Harriette Lyon, Dolores Mahoney, Kathleen Mathiesen, Irene McManus, Rose Monture, Bernice Schissler, Teresa Towner, Marge Windsor, Margaret Winzer, and Geraldine Wroble.

Those in the Credit and Collection who volunteered were: Agnes Barclay, Marcella Donahue, Annette Hill, Anna Mae Karlak, Lillian Lellis, Doris Lines, Dorothy Lyall, Eleanor McPartlin, Mary O'Donnell, Caryle Oedzes, Helen Schmidt, Anna Mae Sheahan, and Lorraine Smiley.

From the General Accounting department, the volunteers were: Beatrice Lach, Virginia Malinowski, Jean Pryor, Betty Reilly, Margaret Schlumpf, and Joan Wagner.

The Auditing department volunteers were: Margaret Foster, Margaret Rodwick, and Margaret Voigt.

Those volunteers from the Customers department were: Margaret Malmborg and Dorothy Rees.

June Eilert and Phyllis Wolgemuth volunteered from the Property Accounting department.

The Chicago By-Products had two volunteers, Mabel Bohl and Margaret Van Nest.

The following departments had one volunteer each: Crawford Station, Helen Walsh; Domestic Sales department, Eileen Murtaugh; and Statistical department, Edith Mosgers.

Biggest Day For Bonds

The biggest Bond-selling Day for Gas Company girls was August 22, when two super-deluxe saleslades netted a total of $5,050 worth of War Bonds in a single day's work. Helen Nevins, Personnel, and Jean Pryor, General Accounting, were on the job that day.

Selling Bonds By Radio

RADIO TALKS were given throughout the year by four employes to promote the sale of War Bonds. The Customers department furnished two speakers, Michael Lambke, and Harry Smith. The other speakers were John Solon, Personnel, and Alfred Reardon, Credit and Collection. In the order named, the number of radio talks made were 42, 6, 25, and 10.

Drive for Old Radios

STANLEY MODZIKOWSKI, Physical and Chemical Testing, a past commander of the Post, took charge of a drive for old radios early in 1943. This drive produced 432 assorted radios in various stages of disrepair. The radios were used by the U. S. Army Signal Corps for the purpose of teaching the men in that branch of the service about the subject of radio and radar.

250 Books for Service Men

DURING THE book drive, it was estimated that approximately 250 books were received by the Library for distribution to men in the Armed Services. Keep bringing them in. They can always use more.

Phonograph Record Drive

THE PEOPLES GAS POST in its drive for phonograph records received 2,619 records. These were to be used for the enjoyment they would bring to the men in the various branches of the service. Jesse Dowen, a past commander of the Post, Customers Order department, had charge of the drive.

"Share the Ride Plan"

THE "SHARE THE RIDE" plan which was inaugurated during the first part of the war, when tires and gasoline became one of our major problems, is continuing very successfully. The men are all cooperating and the system is not only a big help to the workers whose transportation problems were serious, but it is an excellent means for conserving tires, gasoline, and automobiles.

ONE EMPLOYE who is devoting his spare time to the Illinois Reserve Militia is Captain Edward Cody, Distribution Department. This organization was made part of the Federal Guard in 1941, and serves to take the place of the Illinois National Guard for the duration.

In the above photo, workmen "sharing the ride" with fellow employes are shown leaving Crawford Station. Other departments having such groups are North, South, and Central Shops, several Stations in the Operating Division, and the departments at the Warehouse Building.

EMPLOYE BENEFITS

SOME of the benefits which the Company has established for employes are enjoyed by everyone on the payroll, while others are usable by those employes faced with emergencies. However, the program as a whole represents invisible dollars in every paycheck. One never knows, for example, when he will need sickness benefits, or assistance in emergencies. These and other employe aids are there if and when needed.

Hospitalization

In 1943, the Employes Group Hospitalization and Surgical Benefit Plan paid out $35,000.00 in benefits. All employes who wish to avail themselves of this plan may do so. The figure mentioned above includes the claims of 275 employes in the amount of $23,000.00. A total of $12,000.00 was paid for the claims of 353 dependents of insured employes.

Knapp Fund

The George O. Knapp Benevolent Fund was created twenty-three years ago. At that time, Mr. Knapp, a former President of the Company, donated his pension for the relief and assistance of needy employes or their dependents. The Company has added to the Fund from time to time. In 1943, $6,358.00 was disbursed through the Fund.

Life Insurance

Approximately ten million dollars worth of life insurance is in effect on our employes and annuitants. The Company pays about one-half of the premium cost of this protection. During 1943, seventy-one claims on death and permanent total disability amounting to $147,600.00 were paid by the two insurance companies which underwrite the plan.

Military Leave of Absence

In the year 1943, 251 were granted leaves of absence to serve in the Armed Forces. Company regulations provide for compensation of one half month's pay (to those employes with more than a year of service), and an allowance equal to one year's premium in an amount of government life insurance equivalent to his gift coverage. A total of $18,310.00 was paid in special compensation, and $1,800.00 in insurance premium allowance.

Service Annuity System

At the end of 1943, there were 504 pensioners receiving monthly payments under the Company's annuity program. Two hundred and thirty-six of these are men and women who have been retired under the new pension arrangement which was put into effect in 1938. Their pensions are being paid through an insurance company to which our Company makes regular payments. The other 268 were retired prior to the change in the annuity plan. They receive their pensions from a trust fund set aside by the Company.

Sickness Benefits

Employes are allowed time off for personal illness and are eligible for pay, based upon a schedule involving their length of service with the Company. During 1943, $177,000.00 was paid to employes because of personal illness or injury.

Tuition Refunds

There were 73 employes who enrolled for college courses in 1943. The Company allows them one-half their tuition fee after they have completed the course and receive a satisfactory grade. Last year $1,439.00 was paid in tuition refunds to those employes.

Vacations

Vacations of two weeks are granted employes who have over one year of service with the Company if this service is continuous. Employes with over fifteen years of service are allowed additional days vacation each year. Vacation compensation totaling $351,600.00 was paid in 1943.

Suggestions

Nine hundred and ninety-nine suggestions were acted upon while 238 employes received cash or merit awards for those suggestions turned in.

The Company paid $1,882.50 in awards for the 238 suggestions acted upon or an average of $7.91 for each suggestion accepted.

BY WILLIAM HELME

DIG! DIG!—When the American 5th Army invaded Italy numerous supplies abandoned by the enemy fell into our hands. One piece of equipment was particularly admired by our men. This was a triple threat entrenching shovel with a blade, controlled by a collar on the handle, that can be shifted into three positions. In the normal position, the shovel can be used for digging fox holes. With the blade at right angle to the handle, it can be used as a hoe by a man in a prone position. When folded all the way back, the blade having a sharpened edge, can be used for cutting brush or serve as a potential weapon. Our officers were so impressed with the shovel, that several samples were flown to this country and orders placed for huge quantities of them. American ingenuity has improved the original model by heat treating the blade and replacing the plastic collar with one of aluminum. The shovel is much more serviceable and a big improvement over the one we have been using. Contracts have been awarded to several Chicago firms and gas is used for heat treating the blades and forming the handles.

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OVER THERE—Ten thousand English motor cars formerly powered by gasoline are being converted this month to use producer-gas manufactured from anthracite coal according to the British Information Services. To date nearly 250,000 disused motor cars in England have been wrecked and dismantled for their steel, aluminum, tires and other strategic materials, and all laid-up private cars are now liable for Army service.

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HONEST CUSTOMERS—After a trial had proved 99 per cent of its customers honest, the San Diego Gas & Electric Company, of California, has extended the right to its domestic consumers to read their own meters and make out their own bills. A wartime shortage of meter readers necessitated the company inaugurating the self-billing system.

Retiring From Service March, 1944

	Service
FRANK FITZGERALD	
Peoples Gas Building	32 years 9 months
WALENTY NECEK	
North District	21 years 8 months
ELIZABETH RIMSCHNEIDER	
Peoples Gas Building	21 years 7 months
AUGUST F. SCHRUBBE	
North District	23 years 4 months
LOUIS TAMS	
North District	21 years 4 months

These Men Joined Military Units During February

EDWARD M. BATOR, Central District.
JAMES E. CARR, Customers' Order.
AUGUST P. GOLDSCHMIDT, Bill Delivery.
GEORGE T. IWICKI, Meter Reading.
WILLIAM G. KELSEY, Customers'.
CHARLES N. MITCHELL, North District.
WILLIAM NOVY, Advertising.
NICHOLAS R. PATETE, Central District
DANIEL QUIGLEY, South District.
CYRIL A. RACE, Telephone Exchange.
SAMUEL J. WHITE, General Accounting.

Service Anniversaries
MARCH 1944

40 YEARS

KANE, JOHN J., South District
KENNY, THOMAS A. JR., Calumet Station
SULLIVAN, THOMAS A., Central District
WALDRON, EDWARD J., Central Garage

35 YEARS

BUCKLEY, WILLIAM J. No. 1, Claim
DULLAGHAN, THOMAS M., Sales—Marshfield
ETHELHUBER, JOHN M. J., Stores—Storerooms
LEVEY, MILTON J., Sales—Irving Park
SPINOSO, MICHAEL, Central District
WALDY, EDWARD I., Claim

30 YEARS

CULLEN, THOMAS J., Bookkeeping
MIX, MARTIN, I., Distribution—Exec. Office
THORSON, THEODORE, Central District

25 YEARS

BERNARD, ANTON S., Customers' Order
FANTER, WILLIAM E. JR., Credit and Collection
GRIFFITH, FRANK L., Vice-President and Comptroller
HICKEY, WILLIAM C., Main Salesroom
JACKOVEC, JOSEPH, Meter Reading
JACOBS, WILLIAM C., Meter Shop
JENNINGS, AUGUSTUS JR., Meter Reading
KAPUZCINSKI, ALEX, South Station
MAHER, JAMES J., Archives
NOLAN, MICHAEL A., Bookkeeping

Nationwide Appeal For Easter Seals

EASTER seals help restore handicapped children to normal happy living. They give them an opportunity to get well, go to school, play with other children, learn a trade or profession, and work for a living. The nationwide appeal of Easter seals is sponsored in this state by the Illinois Association for the Crippled, 116 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 3. This association maintains two special services for cripples, regardless of age, race or creed: occupational services for homebound cripples and employment service for those able to go to a job. Easter seals help crippled children to become happy, useful men and women.

Gas Ads

FOR SALE: Slide rule (Kueffel & Esser) Polyphase duplex log log scale. Call local 809.

FOR SALE: Stop Watch (Central Scientific Co.). Continuous and snap back. $15.00. Call local 809.

FOR SALE: Micrometer (Starrett) Ratchet & lock nut 2″ frame, 1″ anvil, plus 1″ spindle. Call local 809.

FOR SALE: A ten piece solid hand carved black walnut dining room set. Bargain. Phone Ext. 2216, Raymond W. Brundage.

WANTED: A room with a private family, preferably on the south side near I. C. transportation. Or to share a room with another Gas Company gentleman. Call Local 860.

WANTED: A five room bungalow or flat on Northwest side. Call Local 2132 or Berk. 8473.

WANTED: A five room apartment in Oak Park or Austin. Call Local 556.

FOR SALE—Fifty-four inch dining room table and four chairs. $5.00. 7851 Ingleside Avenue. Stewart 0783.

WANTED: housekeeper, elderly woman preferred. Light housework in home of gas family. Call Sheldrake 3298 after 6:30, or Extension 2209.

Idea Packets Distributed

NEW SUGGESTION packets containing revised regulations governing awards, a letter explaining the changes, and a suggestion blank were mailed to all employes early in March. Minor changes, such as those recently released, have been made periodically, since the suggestion system was established, to keep abreast of the times.

Prof. John I. Yellott To Speak At March Employe Forum Meeting

EMPLOYES WILL learn something about the future of the gas business, its present war contribution, and will get a "peep" behind the scenes of the Institute of Gas Technology, when they attend the next meeting of the Employe Forum, March 28, in the Peoples Gas Building.

The feature speaker on the program will be Prof. John I. Yellott, Director of the Institute of Gas Technology, an inspiring speaker with a broad background of experience in the engineering profession. Mr. Yellott, who in 1939 was named the outstanding mechanical engineer of the past decade by the Pi Tau Sigma honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, was made a director of the Gas Institute last September.

In 1942, Mr. Yellott was the recipient of the Chicago and Illinois Junior Chamber of Commerce awards for distinguished service in educational training activities.

The Forum Committee will again serve refreshments in Room 1039 beginning at 5:30 p.m., and dancing will take place on the main floor of the building prior to the opening of the meeting in the auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets for the affair will be distributed by departmental Forum representatives.

Constructive Thoughts Bring Cash

THERE WERE two departments of the Company this month with three cash award suggestion winners. One was Crawford Station with Oliver Williams winning a $10.00 award, and Joseph Kolich and Chester Wiecek each winning $5.00 awards. From North District, Austin O'Grady earned $10.00 while Thaddeus Zamirowski and Albin Fant each gathered $5.00 cash awards.

Rudolf Malinosky, Credit and Collection Department, won $10.00, and four others won awards of $5.00. They were Laurence O'Connor, Service Dispatching; Carl Haase, Customers Order; Arnold Foxon, Treasury-Receiving; and Ingrid Nelson, Property Accounting. John Condon received a $3.00 cash award.

If the suggestion performance of employes during the first two months of 1944 can be taken as a criterion, 1944 will be a banner year for cash awards. During January and February of this year, the suggestion office noticed a 25 per cent increase in suggestion traffic, compared with the same period last year. The increase in cash payments for constructive ideas during the same two months of 1944 was one third greater than for January and February, 1943.

Albert Fant, North District, is one employe who is showing decided promise for the year 1944. Up to this time, he has submitted three ideas to the suggestion committee, collecting a total of $25.00.

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

OUR SINCERE THANKS to those of you who so generously responded to our request for books for the soldiers which we published in our February column. Your contributions, we know, will be more than appreciated.

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The Library has entered a subscription to the American Edition of THE ENGINEERS' DIGEST. The December 1943 issue is Vol. 1, No. 1. This journal had its birth in England in the early months of 1940. At the urgent requests of many American engineers, it was decided to make arrangements for the publication of an American edition and for this purpose an American company was formed. A special arrangement with the Board of Trade (Trading with the Enemy Department), in London, makes it possible for the publisher to regularly obtain approximately 600 technical periodicals from 34 different countries. A staff of 77 specialist engineers & scientists in Britain select, condense, and translate the most important articles for The Engineers' Digest, London. All the articles in the British edition are translations in English from periodicals published in one of the 22 European languages. The American edition contains more than the British edition because is contains a selection of articles published in British Engineering Journals, in addition to the translated articles mentioned above. Among the branches of engineering covered are: Aeronautical Engineering; General Engineering; Metallurgy & Foundry; Ventilating & Heating; Electrical Engineering; Machine Tools; Plastics, and Welding. If you would be interested in seeing this issue, please let us know?

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A copy of the 1942 issue of the Statistical Abstract of the United States has been received. This sixty-fourth issue is a compilation of authoritative statistics relating to the social and economic condition of the population, and to the industrial, commercial, and governmental activities of the Nation.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Service Dispatching

BY GEORGE KAZUNAS

MILITARY: It will soon be khaki for Larry O'Connor, while Ray Schmitz, formerly of this group, and now at South District, will wear Navy Blue. Both have been accepted for Military Service. Congratulations are in order, because now it is Capt. Edward M. Cody, Illinois Reserve Militia. . . . HEALTH FLASHES: Elmer Christell, now of Personnel, and our own Larry O'Connor, were away on account of unusual illnesses. Both are now completely recovered. . . . BOUQUETS: To North District for their Annual Party and Show. Briefly described, it was "PERFECT!" . . . SIGNS OF SPRING: It's not the traditional Robin, but Roland Franzen haunting used car lots to buy a "wreck," to be run until Fall when he always sells "the car." . . . INCOME TAX: John Sweetman became an EXPERT when he completed Bill Cary's return. John considers it one of his monumental accomplishments.

Industrial Sales

BY WILLIAM HELME

CONGRATULATIONS to Bud Zuse, a five time donor to the Red Cross Blood Bank. . . . A pretty home wedding was recently held in Hinsdale, where Bob Wight, prior to the rice barrage, had the honor of giving the bride, his daughter Georgina, away in marriage. . . . "In Time to Come," a play about Woodrow Wilson, was presented by The Little Theatre, of Western Springs, with Shorty Lange cast in the role of Sonino, an Italian statesman. . . . Joe Weiss, the old Logan Square favorite and Cub first baseman, attended the Old Time Ball Players jamboree at the Morrison and mingled with the greats and near-greats out of the past. . . . Archie Frydendall, after a short business trip to Louisville, Ky., reported traveling conditions all they're cracked up to be. . . . Bill Riach, crutches and all, is packing a lunch these days. "Better than crashing the chow lines," chortles Bill.

North Sales

BY R. C. MARTIN

A PICTURE of the North Sales Section personnel was our way of greeting our men in the armed forces at Christmas time. We have had several enthusiastic acknowledgments, the most recent being from Ted Rankin, who had been "on the go somewhere in England." We have received our first mail from Dan Bonner from Fort McClellan, Alabama. Dan has managed to mix with terra firma, resulting in a wrenched knee. He says he is convalescing in "Goldbrick's Paradise," where he reports that beautiful nurses hover over him all day long, lighting his cigarettes, bringing him cooling drinks and holding his hand. He extends his sympathy to his civilian friends.

Meter Reading

BY STEPHEN A. FORAN

JIM FANLON, now a fireman first class, U.S.N., post cards us from the Lone Star State inquiring about the snowdrifts up here. He sends his best regards to all of us including the boys who are away in the various branches of the service. Thanks for the card, Jim, and the best of luck to you. . . . From out Cicero way comes word, via the censor, that Art Hula is finding plenty of excitement in the Pacific. . . . We also enjoyed hearing from Bill Loftus, whose letter proves that his change from civilian to warrior has not altered his good humor and quick wit. . . . With an eye to the calibre of the letters sent us, the thought comes to us "Who is bolstering whose morale?" . . . Eddie Fuessel announces the arrival of a baby boy. Using Ed's words—"That makes the score even; four-all!" Congratulations, Pap. . . . It's more than just an ordinary thrill to realize that our fellows, even in the midst of training or combat, still think enough of us to take time out during their busy hours to drop us a line now and then. . . . Another one of our gang who is weathering the Pacific is Jack Cornelius. He sent us a letter that is good proof of his interest and zest in his new role of a salty gob. Jack has found his sea legs, and has only vague memories of himself as a shore-hugging land-lubber. Don't grow any barnacles, Jack. . . . Now that Jim Cavanaugh is settled in his new home, he is having open house—provided you bring the duck. . . . Interesting letters were received from Messers. Detten, Magistrelli, McAdams, Murray and Schmid. Answers to them are on the way.

Tabulating

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

IT'S HIGH TIME we gave you a picture of Robert Charles and Mary Catherine, the nephew and niece whom ye scribe keeps telling you about—Irish babies at that. . . . Navyman Joe Wolf looked mighty good when he visited us recently. He

Robert and Mary Artman

was grinning from ear to ear. . . . Eileen Brice has received a diamond from Michael Lynch. . . . We hope Angeline Kachavos and Helen Biddison's fathers are much improved. . . . Bill White jumped at the opportunity offered him to work as an operator on an I.B.M. machine. . . . Marian Halligan is now a proud aunt. The baby's name is Patricia Ann. It's not every night that Leanore Rousseau, Violet Lange, and Lucille Cummings can attend a Navy Sisters' dance at the Edgewater. . . . Welcome to Frances Connor from the Ante room and June DeVall from the "Books." . . . For the first time, the girls in our department covered the selling of bonds every day for a week. Thanks, girls. . . . There's nothing like the Miami sun according to Margaret (Eileen) O'Laughlin.

Photographic

BY MYRLE THATCHER

"SHUTTER BOX" Marine Al. Walavich has joined the forces in New Caledonia. Just what he is doing and why is a military secret, but we can pretty well guess. . . . At this writing our Gunners Mate Sgt. Bill Clyne is convalescing in an English Hospital. To date we have not been informed as to the seriousness of his illness, but we wish him speedy recovery. . . . At long last a V-Mail was received from Pfc. Bruno Marek. Reading between the lines, Bruno is having one good time in North Ireland. . . . Photographer Elmer Beckwith celebrated his "one" year anniversary with the Company March 1.

Bill Delivery

BY ROSEMARIE PATEK

SOMETHING NEW has been added to the Bill Delivery. Welcome to Jeanne McClain, and Marion Dregar. And as always, all good things must come to an end—we say goodbye to Lillian Gremba and Evelyn Agnew, who were transferred. . . . No need to offer Liela Libby any more candy or cake. She just parted friends with her sweet tooth.

General Accounting

BY JINNA LOWDER

THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT is mourning the loss of one of its dearest friends in the passing of Roderwick Wyse on Monday, February 28. Although Rod was not a member of this department at the time of his death, he had spent the greatest part of his eight years with the Company among us, and with his passing goes not only a lovable character but also a man who possessed an unusually brilliant mind. We will miss you, Rod. . . . Second Lieutenant Roy Yauch of the United States Army Air Corps was in to say hello to his many friends recently. . . . Jean Heitman of the Key Punch Section returned March 1 after enjoying a 20-day furlough with her husband just back from Kiska and Attu. . . . New father Lennie Schultz became slightly confused one Saturday morning and drank his baby daughter's formula. . . . The February Forum was pronounced a huge success by those attending from this department. . . . We wish someone would send out a tracer for Sam White —we haven't heard from him since he left for the Army early in February. . . . The men bowlers who constitute Accounting Bowling Teams Number one and two are in the heat of rivalry—the two teams have bowled each other four times and have each won six games. The next meeting of the guys should be *the* game of the season. . . . The gals on the Accounting Two Team are now in second place in their league. . . .

Stores—Warehouse

By MARIE J. LEHMANN

WE HAVE been boasting of our SPAR for quite some time, and now we are happy to print this picture. Dorothy J. LeTourneau left the Company on August 19, 1943, to join The Women's Reserve U. S. Coast Guard and has been stationed at the U. S. Coast Guard Training Station at Palm Beach, Florida. . . . We received a swell V-Mail letter from Dick Sover from "Somewhere in England." He told us the people were very friendly, the scenery beautiful and the weather was quite damp and foggy. He celebrated his birthday on his way "Over." . . . Charlie Madison underwent an operation at St. Luke's Hospital. We are all happy to learn that he is now home and on the way to recovery.

Dorothy Le Tourneau

Central District

BY JOHN F. BALCOM

ORCHIDS are in order this month to all the boys of Central who so generously supported the recent "4th War Loan Drive." Let's keep behind this home front attack and make the slogan "Victory in 44" a reality in the future days to come. . . . Recently a few more names were added to our "Blood Donor's" honor roll. If *you* haven't as yet contributed to the war effort in this small way, then don't hesitate any longer to do so. A pint of blood has been the means of saving many of our fighting boys' lives on the battlefield. Ask your Supervisor for full particulars. He will explain to you the proper procedure to be followed in order that you might become a regular blood donor. . . . John Angelo, Nicholas Patete and Edward Bator just recently answered Uncle Sam's call to arms and are now doing their bit in the Armed Forces of our country. Best wishes fellows and don't forget to stop in and show us that "G.I." tuxedo you are now wearing—when you're in the neighborhood. While we are on the subject of "Servicemen," we might mention that Lawrence O'Connor of Central Dispatch, will soon trade his civvies for a khaki uniform. Loads of luck Larry and best wishes for the future. . . . We at the shop wish to offer our sincerest sympathy to the Carrier, Kissane, and O'Donnell families in their recent bereavements. . . . Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended at this time to: Messrs. Menet, Dever, Windhauser, Isdell, Kelly, Sullivan, Walsh, and Vitkovich. We want you fellows to know that we miss you and hope to see you back at your old job in the near future. . . . Clyde Traise and Charlie Callahan recently duplicated "Wrongway Corrigans" feat, and since then they have selected "South of the Border" as their theme song. . . . Rumor has it that Bill Barnes' wife is becoming quite a bowling enthusiast. Nice going Mrs. B. We know your feminine charm will be greatly appreciated every Friday evening at the "Conboy bowling alleys." Speaking of bowling, Al Wodrich (Service Team) has finally decided that he will have to hit the 300 mark in order to take full honors in the jackpot game. . . . The shop safety record is slowly but surely traveling along the highway of success. Let's keep it this way fellows, and be watchful that nothing will detour it from its course.

Card of Thanks

YOUR KIND EXPRESSION of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Alice Root and Family.

Customers Order

BY CARL HAASE

PICTURED HERE is lovely DOROTHY WADE in our series of pin up girls. . . . Ninety guests were present at a farewell dinner given in honor of the following men entering Military service: Cyril Race, James Carr, Robert Potthoff, James Broderick, Edward Hansen, and Paul Ludwig. It was held at Harding's Presidential Grill. Cy Race is now in boot training and James Carr is drilling in khaki. The others are due to follow shortly. Among those present were Seaman 2nd Class Ray Johnson, who looks smart in Navy Blue. . . . John Murtaugh was very welcome as the newest member of the Pensioners' Club. The welcome mat is always at our door. James Mitchell was genial master of ceremonies, while Jesse Dowen presented the going-away gifts. Bob Potthoff, to climax his going away, had all and sundry in stitches with his famous ditties, while John Moore acted the part of a Southerner, which he still is. Messrs. Keller, Edgeworth, Neveu and Edington entertained the party with their heart-rending songs. . . . Welcome to Evelyn Agnew and Lillian Gremba. We hope you like us. . . . Wedding bells for Terese Towner and Cpl. Wm. Sawliss, U.S.A. at Greensboro, N. C. The wedding was at home in Chicago, March 4, at St. Lucy's Church. Good luck, Cpl. & Mrs. . . . Mary Killian created quite a furor in Meter Record when she announced that she is now Mrs. Arthur McGinty. All of us join in giving you our best wishes.

Dorothy Wade

Below, Jesse Dowen, Customers Order superintendent, is shown congratulating retiring John Murtaugh after presenting the traveling bag in behalf of the department's employes. Daughters Eileen and Kathleen Murtaugh appear in the background.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

HERE IS that long awaited picture we promised you of Doris Lines, formerly of this department. Doris is now a yeoman, 3rd Class, and is stationed in Washington, D.C. She would like to hear from her former associates. We have heard from our Florida vacationers, John F. Sullivan and Caryle Oedzes. Both report having a wonderful time. The column this month is kind of small. In fact, it is a wonder that there is one at all. If you boys and gals don't co-operate, they'll be giving your scribe the garden gate! Please pass on those news items.

Doris Lines

Bookkeeping

BY RITA CONLON

BACK FROM "OVER THERE" resting at Fletcher General Hospital, Cambridge, Ohio—is Dick Carey. We are glad to hear that he is feeling much better. . . . Barney Gallagher visited the department with the news of his marriage to Virginia Stalling, formerly of the Key Punch Section. Best of luck and such to the both of you. . . . We welcome Phyllis Trossen from the Ante Room. . . . We soon hope to have Evelyn Witt back on the job after her recent operation for appendicitis. . . . Phil Crimmins visited us while in on furlough, and he sure looked swell outfitted in khaki. . . . Also, Mary Gallagher Curtin and son, Michael, were among our visitors. . . . Marion Ecker is now known to us as Mrs. Jos. Riedl—Congratulations and lots of happiness. The department gave her a complete set of Vanity Fair crystal. . . . Charles Schmalholz believes in early vacationing, but who wouldn't when they can spend it in sunny Florida. . . . By the way, Bill Savage is a Cpl. . . . A unanimous vote of thanks to Miss Groeff, who so graciously and willingly helped all those who requested her assistance in filling out their income tax returns.

Receipts

BY ROSEMARY CLYNE

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Eileen Miller who has announced her engagement to Private Roy Gesswein, now stationed at Camp Cook, Louisiana. . . . Mary Singleton's trip to Camp Campbell, Kentucky, proved very satisfactory. Her husband, Kenneth, in the hospital there, improved considerably during her visit. . . . We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mary Ward and her family on the death of her father, the late Philip Ward. . . . Margaret Kavanaugh is not the only strong and substantial member of her family. They call her younger brother "Iron Mike". . . . Eileen Sidlau and Lucy Coakley are doing their war work by entertaining the service men at Fort Sheridan every week.

Research and Testing

BY WILLIAM D. EGAN

NOW THAT THE IDES OF MARCH, or what is known today as the last day for the filing of income tax returns, has passed, we can sit back for awhile at least and relax. . . . There was a splendid response by the employes of the division during the Fourth War Loan Drive. Keyman George Keenan and his Minutemen arose to the occasion and routed out dollars where none were known to exist. . . . We are very proud of two of our employes, Lawrence Fritts and Cornelius Van Zytveld, who have formed a team to donate blood to the Red Cross. To date, they have contributed twelve pints between them, and expect to continue as long as blood donations are needed. . . . If any of you readers are interested in the latest arctic circle fashions, a visit to our Plant Testing Department would certainly be enlightening. Daily, George Dufresne, Dick Fitzsimmons, Bill Kolaske, and George Keenan dazzle their fellow employes. Their clothing would give Bing Crosby a run for his money. . . . George Dowse has been appointed our new Credit Union collector. Frank Mueller, after several years of valiant service, has decided to retire for a well earned rest. . . . Those long time inhabitants of the Indian Village, M. E. Benesh, Frank Witting, Al Wohlgemuth, Sanford Berg, and Bill Gass, are gradually working their way back to civilization. In fact, they have already reached a point as far east as Crawford Avenue Station.

Archives

BY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

PFC. JOHN SMIT called to say he was winding up a three-day furlough and is reporting to Camp Pickett, Va. for further traveling orders. Bon Voyage, Johnnie. . . . Pfc. James Canty, somewhere in England, must be rarin' to go on one of those invasion excursions. Do it up in a hurry, Jim, as you fellows have been gone a long time now, and we will be happy to see you back soon. . . . Frank Heatter, annuitant, has weathered our mild winter nicely, and we hope that he soon receives good news from his nephew, reported missing over France.

Customers

BY RICHARD J. CAHILL

A CRACKED WRIST is a vivid reminder to Jake Drummer that the years take their toll. Jake felt pretty chipper the other night and decided to participate in a basketball game with the young-uns. He insists he was going strong along about the third period when he was struck from behind by some mysterious force. . . . Seaman Joe Marasia was in to see us. He looks mighty fine after his boot training at Great Lakes. Joe insists that everything at "the lakes" is tops. . . . We will have some information about Faragut, Idaho, when we hear from William Kelsey, who left a few days ago to begin his training. . . . Pvt. Ray Wadman wrote from Camp Grant where he is assigned to the Medical Corp. The enthusiasm Ray expresses about Army life is an indication that he is enjoying his new surroundings and work. . . . Our sincere thanks to the folks in the Bookkeeping and Credit and Collection Departments for their patience in explaining the "ins and outs" of their work during our "Education Period" with them. We add the pleasant memories of this association to those which we have of our stay at the shops. . . . We extend our sincerest sympathies to Mike Lambke on the recent loss of his brother.

Calumet Station

BY WILTON BROWN

WE HAVE RECEIVED welcome news from the following Calumet service men: Charlie Bloom, operation record clerk, who reports a safe voyage and all conditions the best; Dannie Desmond, who reports that he is showing the Infantry just how they did it while in the Aleutians. (His demonstrations are held at Fort Benning, Georgia); Walter Erickson, guard, who is spending his winter in Sunny Florida, in free quarters furnished by the United States Army; William Koehler, who is in the Merchant Marines here on the Great Lakes, was in fine shape when he made his recent visit here at the Station; Lt. Col. Chester Moss, reports that he, too, had a pleasant voyage, and things are going along as well as can be expected. . . . We would like to hear from the other Calumet service men, and we promise that their letters will be answered promptly with all the news of their friends. . . . Calumet was proud of its part in the recent 4th War Loan Drive. . . . Charlie Anderson was transferred to South Station, recently. The best of luck to you Charlie. We were all sorry to hear about the recent misfortune of Mark Fahey. That icy spell really got him down. Result—one broken leg.

Pictured above, is Beatrice Burris, left, accepting a gift given to her by her co-workers in the Correspondence Section. Helen Jennings, supervisor, right, is presenting the gift.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

THERE MUST BE something about the Navy more than just sailor suits that attracts our gals; now we are called upon to give up Isabelle Hankel to the WAVES. We hope all her seas will be calm, all her weather fair, and that she will have the opportunity she wants for the Link trainer. . . . The ice shows really are missing something when Izzy goes in the Navy, because we hear that it's really plain and fancy skating that Izz and Pat Marcotte have been doing recently at the Chicago Arena. . . . Beatrice Burris, by this time, has many air-hours between Atlanta and Chicago. She is administering to sick and novice air travelers who are flying by way of Eastern Air Lines. We miss Bea's cheery smile and lovely personality very much, and are sure that those who meet her on any plane will be as much charmed by her vivacious temperament as we were in our associations with her. We wish her many happy landings and success. . . . From England recently we have had word that Ed Ziemba is still all right and seems to be doing O.K. His letters now carry the title Sergeant! Gee, these boys of ours certainly know how to go along and get places. We're very proud of them, but oh, how we would like to see them once in a while.

Meter Shop

BY GEORGE D. BURNS

IT IS with great sorrow that we learn of the death of Charles Lambke, who served the Company for more than forty years, nearly all of which was spent in the Meter Shop. Mr. Lambke died on February 21. To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy. We will miss him very much. . . . Richard Antink has left to join the United States Navy. We wish you the best of luck, Dick, and we hope that you enjoy your new adventure. . . . Our old friend Charlie Mitchell visited the shop recently to bid goodbye to all his friends before joining the Navy. Here's hoping that you will like the life of the swab-jockey, Chuck. . . . During the past month we received letters from Clem Kawalski and Bill Ahern. They would like to hear from the gang. Won't you write them a line? We, in the office, can furnish their addresses. Remember if you don't write, your wrong. . . . Frank Mockler has returned to work after a long illness. It's nice to see you back on the job, Frank. Your smiling face should inspire the gang on the fourth floor. . . . Our Bond salesmen, Messrs. Klawitter, Bessler, Arnswald, Marinello, and Freund have been doing an excellent job on the Fourth War Loan Drive. More than $1,200 in cash sales were made by these men with their slogan, "Buy an extra Bond."

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

WE ARE LOOKING high these days at Jean Rampage, the newest member of the department, for besides being a bright personality, she is a licensed pilot in the Civilian Air Patrol. . . . John Thorne is happily over an appendectomy and at this writing expects to be back in the fold shortly. . . . Andy Gallagher has returned after a week in Quantico, Va., Washington, D.C., and vicinity. He, the Mrs. and their son, made the trip mainly to visit daughter Alice, who was recently married to Captain Alfred W. Burnside of the Marines. Andy also gives glowing reports about the many picturesque and historical spots they saw in that part of the country. . . . Our much traveled Navy man, Jack Cornelius, wrote of his initiation into the "Honorable Shellbacks," which occurred on his crossing the international date line; thus he can never be called a "Slimy Pollywog" again.

South Sales

BY IONE JOHNSON

A RISING SALUTE to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Reid Olson, for their young son, who arrived February 9 . . . Mrs. Olson was formerly Mabel Tresemer of Home Service, and Sgt. Olson was on the clerical staff. . . . Is air-conditioning puzzling you? Chief Engineer Frank Schabes should know all the answers after attending a week's course at The Servel plant in Evansville, Indiana. . . . We all miss Walt Cahill, salesman and former reporter for this publication. . . . He has left the Company to join his brother in business in Akron, Ohio. . . . Bill Gregory has been confined to his home for a month because of illness. . . . We all send our wishes for a quick recovery. . . . Just in time to make this issue, is the news that Lt. and Mrs. Jack Voorn welcomed a new son on February 24. Mrs. Voorn was formerly Shirley Nickelson of the clerical staff. . . . Congratulations to the new parents!

NOTES ON MILITARY INTELLIGENCE: Pfc. Mike Coyne writes from England that he is stationed with the 280th Station Hospital. . . . At the time of writing he had not seen London yet but was anticipating a visit. . . . Cpl. Roger Nichols has reason for smiling happily, as we see his Christmas mail stacked in front of him. . . . Roger has been in the Army since October, 1941. As far as we know he is stationed in the Southwest Pacific. . . . Good news comes from Elmer Stamm as he tells us that he has been promoted to Chief Boatswain's Mate. . . . He seemed surprised at the rating he was given, but explained that heating equipment is scarcely needed; consequently, his work has included supervising road construction work.

Cpl. Roger Nichols opens his Christmas packages in his shirt sleeves somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

Engineering

BY JULIEN JORDAN

THE PRINTS for the 24-inch and 30-inch natural gas main were completed in time—thanks to the fine cooperation of everybody involved. Howard Lipp and Frank Seaton were in Birmingham getting the last of the pipe and fittings for the "Big Inch" line. Construction may start in the near future. . . Adam Soich has been getting Valentines from his Draft Board in the form of his Class 1-A card. . . . Dave Lauzon looked like 30 seconds prior to his appointment as a Minute Man for the Bond drive. . . . We have been thinking well of Mt. Prospect until recently when Vic Bittner went to a meeting in the Village one evening. Upon leaving, Vic found that someone had exchanged an old hat for his new one. Moral: go bareheaded in Mt. Prospect. . . . We heard from George Cheshire, who is now in Portland, Oregon.

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

EARL FAIRFIELD, JR., sent his father a copy of the South Pacific newspaper "Guinea Gold," which is the official newspaper of the armed forces in that portion of the globe. It consists of four pages approximately commercial note size and very briefly covers the following news items: war news on all fronts, diplomatic news, political, domestic and sporting news. It is also unique in the fact that there is no advertising. This is a dandy publication for the service people, giving the highlights of the world's news in brief. . . . Tommy Nichol was home recently to attend his mother's funeral, after which he reported to the San Francisco area for further duty. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to him at the time of one of life's darkest moments. . . . Frank White's son was recently home on furlough while en route from South Carolina to Riverside, California, where he will continue his army training. John Carney's son was also recently home on furlough from the navy. . . . Waldo Busby journeyed back to Mississippi recently to attend the golden wedding anniversary of his parents. With 250 kinfolks and friends attending it must have been a real festive occasion. . . . We also offer congratulations. . . . Local bowlers are doing themselves proud. Crawford team won the last nine straight games, and are only two games behind the leaders. If they continue "hot" they will move into first place. Jack Royle says he is back in the groove again and that his adversaries will be buying the cigars from henceforth and hereon. . . . Vito Tenerelli is back with us again after being at South Shop for a while.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

BERNICE GLEASON, looking and feeling quite well again, is back at her desk in the library after several weeks in St. Luke's. . . . There's no place like home according to George and Doris Slavicek who are glad to be back in Chicago. George was recently transferred to this section. . . . For the second time that Big Bird left a package at the Marling home in the name of John Heyworth. His Mom, the former Helen Heyworth, was the Gas News scribe for our department a few years ago. . . . Alice Cronin, retired a few years back, looked right pert for herself when she stopped in recently. . . . The Welcome Mat is dusted off for the newcomers to our department—Marilyn Arado, Sara Zoller, Dana Daniels and John Fleming. . . . Now working in Jackson, Mississippi, Harriet Grund promised she all would write to us back heah. . . . Miriam Nelson is attending evening classes at Northwestern University this semester.

Treasury-Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

ROSEMARY GLEASON'S engagement ring is really something to see, gals. Her fiance, Aviation Machinist's Mate Ray Fatter, is now stationed in Florida. Good luck, kids. . . . Bette Spehn and friend Bill Karns, did the town during Bill's recent furlough. Corporal Karns formerly worked for a Dredge & Dock Company here in the building. . . . Helen Levand has us all green with envy. Husband Ted is stationed in Madison and trots home almost every week-end. Hope this isn't a military secret, kids. . . . Here's a snap

Michael and Dean Snyder.

of Jim Snyder's chubby young'uns, Michael, 2, and Dean, 5. Jim sure has something to be proud of there.

William Novy, Advertising, left for the Army during February, and his friends and coworkers gathered to give him a sendoff. Part of the crowd which gathered are shown above. Left to right, are C. G. Cassidy, presenting watch, Marie Meyers, William Novy Sr., Frank Frisk, Karen Fladoes, Al. Miner, and Cyril Light.

Domestic Sales

BY GRACE CARDWELL

ANY BONDS TODAY? It's a close race between our three "minute men," Irv Jensen, Joe Kadlac and Ed Rowe. With all of us pitching in, how can any of us lose? . . . Thanks to Ed Finerty for all pointers on our income tax forms. . . . We call Virginia Hajek our "Furlough Gal." Ed Lindemann was the lucky lad she helped entertain on his few days here in Chicago. . . . Marion List's brother, Otto has recently been released from the hospital after a long seige of illness. He's now well enough to be reassigned to his old outfit somewhere in England. . . . The thing Tom Dimond would most like to do without after this war is K Ration. He says the only time they get fresh meat is when one of the boys wanders out in the "backyard" of India with a rifle. . . . Mike Coyne is having a terrific time getting used to the traffic going in the opposite direction where he is stationed. Michigan Avenue may have its automobiles, but bicycles in England are to be watched out for. . . . It was adios to Bill Novy, the day we all gathered in the advertising office. Clayton Cassidy did the honors for us by presenting Bill with a military watch. We thought it would help him tell when reveille was about to roll around.

Messenger Service

BY SYLVIA BAKOTIC

FRANCES CONNOR, the Ante room supervisor, has left us to work in the Tabulating room. . . . I, Sylvia, who am taking Frances Connor's place, will do all in my power to fulfill my obligations to the best of my ability. . . . We welcome seven more new messengers this month: Dorothy Curtis, Margaret Glarg, Jean Jaron, Avis Summers, Elsie Kupka, Virginia Moloney, and Jack Rusco. . . . Bud Juell has left us to work in the Advertising Department. . . . Good luck to you all!

Peoples Gas Post

BY S. J. MODZKOWSKI

FRED MOYER, Commander of the Second District, spoke at our February meeting on the "American Legion Bill of Rights," a bill which insures a square deal for the World War 2 veterans when they return home. Every member of Gas Post is urged to give full support to this legislative measure. The American Legion stands solidly behind it. . . . Senior Vice-Commander Ivan Anderson reports that our paid-up membership at this writing is 275. There are still 47 renewals to come in from old members. . . . New members added to our roster include Arthur D. Dayhoff and Daniel Glienna, World War 1; Carl Adams and Walter Boyko, World War 2. Welcome to our ranks. . . . Comrade Haake, Chairman of Welfare Committee, reports that Comrades Harold Clark and Edward McGraw are still confined at Hines Hospital. Comrade Tony Bocklitz is slowly recuperating at home. . . . Thomas Blazina, Jr., son of our Comrade Tom Blazina, is a plebe at West Point. Tom Jr. is an experienced tumbler and is the gymnastic man of the hour at West Point. . . . The following have made contributions to the Old Phonograph Record Drive now in progress: Robert Ferguson, Meter Reading, 150 records; Dorothy Leslie, Customers Order, 65; Victor Frasch, Meter Repair, 61; T. R. Bogumill, South Shop, 50; Thomas Hogan, Customers Order, 38; John Ripkey, Division Street Station, 31; John Cullen, Central District, 30; Charles Jennings, Credit and Collection, 23; George Garnett, North Shore Avenue Station, 21; John Marks, Crawford Station, 20. . . . Over 1,000 records have been collected so far in 1944. . . . In 1943 we collected 2,619 records. If you wish to contribute, contact Jesse Dowen, Extension 2200. . . . SPECIAL: Make plans now to attend our April meeting; it's the big meeting of the year; more details later.

Purchasing

BY HELEN LAMEIKA

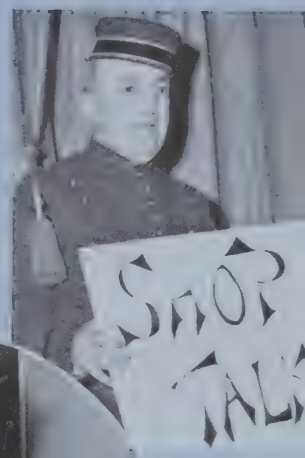
GEORGE SCENT certainly surprised us when he came in to visit our department. We were all glad to see him. He looks fine, and says he has gained four pounds. . . . Bill MacDonald's history of blood donations now runs into the figure eight—four times in the army and four times since he has been back. . . . Even an icicle would thaw to see Jim Bouchier and Hank Creighton dancing on the main floor on the night of the Forum. Jivin', mind you! . . . That particular attitude of secrecy hovering about Mr. LeForge before the Forum meeting was due to his confirmed suspicion about Countess Pulaski.

North District

BY THOMAS DORE

RECENT VISITORS at the shop from the Army; Sgt. William Breslin up from the South on his way out West, and Pfc. William Walsh home on a furlough from Texas. . . . If we were critics of the theater this is what we would report in our column for the review of the show presented at North shop Feb. 21, 1944. "Cecil B. De Williamson" did it again! The acting and costumes were superb. The stage, settings and mural back drop would have to be seen to be appreciated. . . . The show opened with pledging allegiance to the Flag by all present lead by a mighty big little soldier, Eugene Nanay, Jr. "Johnnie" Anthony Fredona in his perfect fitting bell boy's uniform steps before the foot lights and displays a card announcing the first act. The show is on. Gus Schek, the "Singing Cop" did a beautiful job and for a good description of his act we repeat what was whispered in the audience "Why doesn't he do that more often?" "Singing Sam" John Ferry, the old trouper, gave another excellent performance. "The Sgt. & the rookie" skit by Bernard Benson, and James Welling, is best described by saying they are deserving of better things—the radio perhaps. Stanley Posen brought to light the fact that besides being an accomplished master of the accordion, he is also quite a dancer. We never knew that every day incidents and secrets could be so humorous. Maybe they aren't, but the way Gerhardt Hezinger, Phil Corbet, Hugh Collins, and Ed Howe, in their act "Shop Talk," told them they sure were. This act had them in the aisles and when "Min" Ed. Howe made her appearance the aisles took the seats. The crowd was taken on a trip to Old Erin when Tom Lavelle played the fiddle and Mike Grady and Pat Mulchrone danced a few Irish jigs. The girls of the chorus, Garfield VanDerlip, James Welling, Ray Warne, Robert Leon, Ray Marpool, and Tom Dore, looked lovely enough to kiss; six beautiful, shapely pin-up girls dancing in perfect rhythm, exact timing, never a missed step, they gave evidence of hours of tireless rehearsals. We hesitate to say which caused the most comment, the girls' singing or their dancing. The whole performance was kept up to the right key by James Hennigan at the piano. On the night of the party, watches were presented to our three newest annuitants Louis Tams, August Schrubbe, and Walenty Necek, who were retired as of March 1. We wish them luck and hope that we see them often. . . . The committee wishes to thank everyone who so cheerfully helped to put the party over, for without their help there just would not have been a party.

Above in a scene dubbed "Shop Talk" at the North District Forum are shown Gerhardt Hezinger, Phil Corbett, Hugh Collins, and Ed Howe. The act brought roars from the audience.



At right, page-boy Anthony Fredona strutted proudly with the announcement cards for each act in the show.

Above, Stanley Posen in typical continental costume, played and danced his way into the hearts of the Northshopmen.

Below, Mike Grady and Pat Mulchrone demonstrated the dances which are still popular in Old Erin.

Below the dancing "girls" of the show are: Garfield Vanderlip, James Welling, Tom Dore, Ray Warne, Robert Leon, Ray Marpool, Gus Scheck was "The Dreamer."

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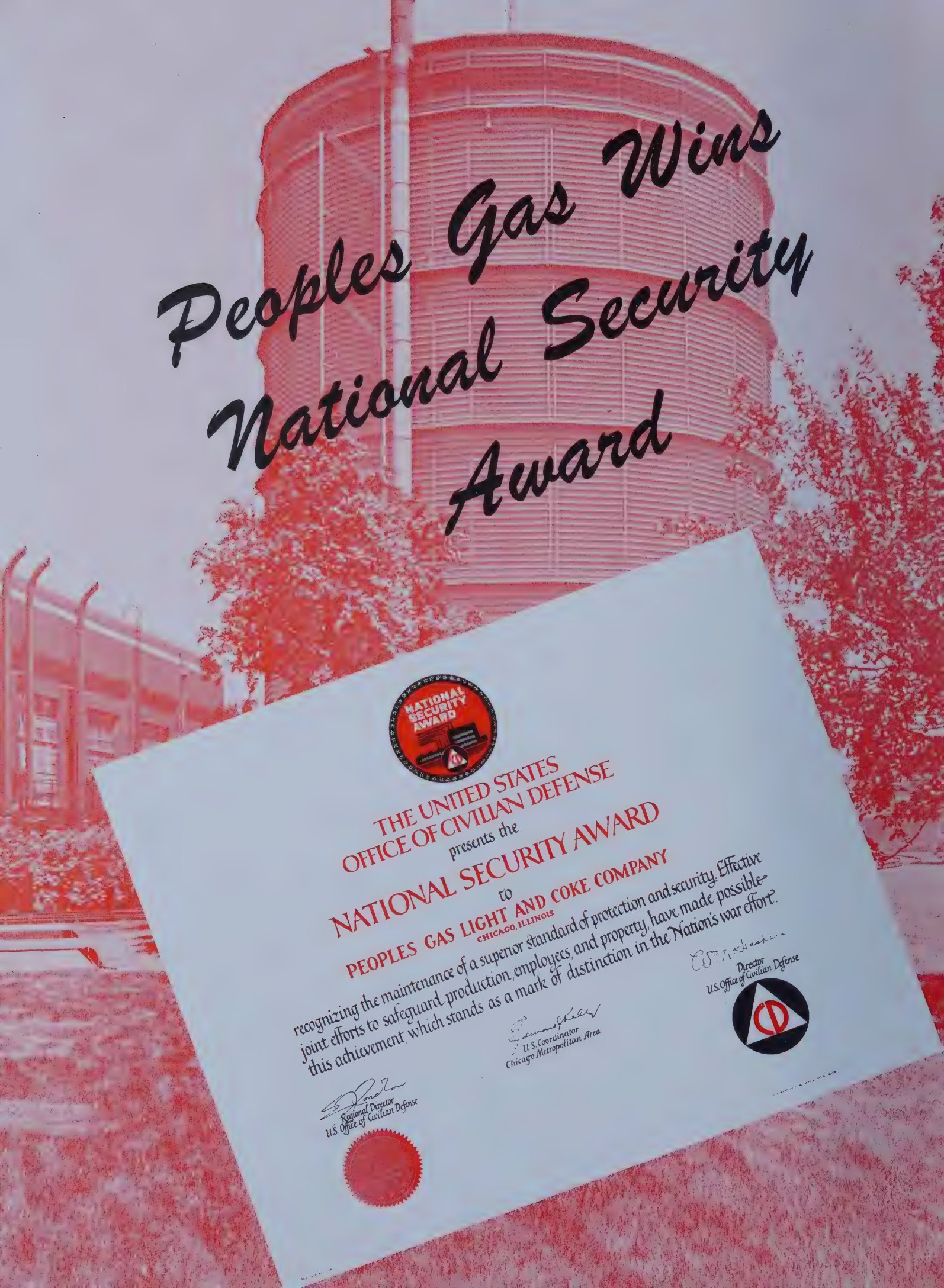
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The Security Award —A Tribute to Our Standards of Protection

A FEW weeks ago, The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company was given the National Security Award by the United States Office of Civilian Defense, a distinction which reflects government appreciation of the manner in which Peoples Gas employes have maintained superior standards of protection and security on the vital properties of the Company in support of the war effort.

The National Security Award, which is reproduced on the opposite page, is a tribute to all employes of the Company, and particularly to those who so generously and conscientiously gave their time and effort to study civilian defense procedures. The award is also directed to those in the organization who wholeheartedly responded to the call for plant protection volunteers early in 1942, when repair squads were being organized.

The award, was, furthermore, given in recognition of the Company's alert plant guard force, and their effective joint efforts to safeguard production, the lives of workmen, and vital plant property. This combined achievement of the Company's employes is one "Which stands as a mark of distinction in the Nation's war effort."

Included in the award is a tribute to the men who developed and tested fire-fighting equipment for combatting the effects of bombing, and to those who inaugurated the measures which were developed throughout the Company for emergency protection and repair, and similar contributions to the war effort through Civilian Defense.

Only four such awards were distributed in the Chicago area. The certificate was signed by E. J. Condon, regional director, U. S. Office of Civilian Defense; by Edward J. Kelly, U. S. coordinator of Civilian Defense; and by William N. Haskell, director, U. S. Office of Civilian Defense.

While the National Security Award recognized our past accomplishments, it also reminds us that the war is not yet won. Our energies which have thus received government commendation, must be continued in full force until the necessity for civilian protection of this nature has passed with the coming of peace.

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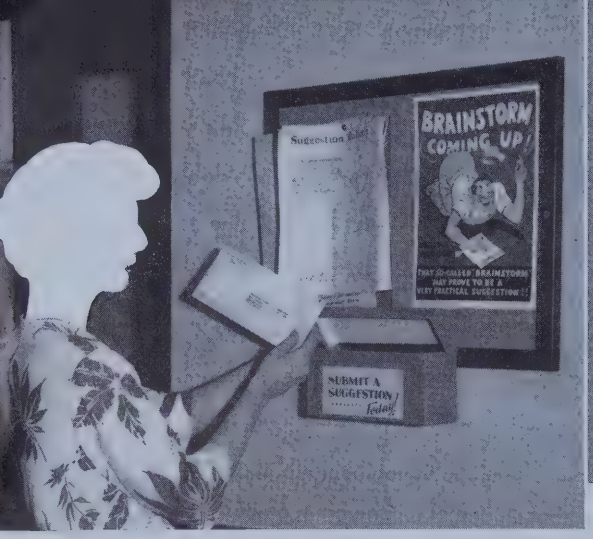
The Cover

Our cover this issue is devoted to that "Grand Old Flag—that high-flying flag," for which men are dying, with a united nation behind them, struggling to maintain the principles for which it stands. Wild savages are seeing the flag for the first time, and are learning to respect it; nations of the old world are recognizing it as a symbol of liberation; to us it should mean more than ever before—a banner of Victory, and an emblem of lasting peace among nations.



YOUR IDEA — HOW IT MAKES CASH

1 From boxes located prominently in each department, the employe obtains a suggestion blank, enclosed in an envelope addressed to the Secretary.

POSSIBLY you have wondered just who passes on YOUR suggestion, how it is handled, and by whom. Does the Suggestion Secretary pass on it? Does the superintendent read it? Who decides what it is worth? These and other questions can be answered in this brief pictorial sketch which follows the life of a typical idea, and shows the procedure through which it culminates into hard, cold cash, a merit award, or a letter award.

Contrary to numerous misconceptions, no one person ever passes on ANY idea presented by an employe. Actually, each suggestion passes through two separate groups before a final decision is made. The Suggestion Secretary's office is a clearing house for ideas. It is involved with the mechanical details of distributing the suggestions, reports, and exhibits, keeping records, and preparing the data for the Suggestion Committee meetings.

The first group consists of a reviewing committee of from three to five members. This committee is recommended by a member of the Suggestion Committee, and the reviewers are picked only because they are considered best qualified to give an opinion as to the suggestion's workability. Often a supervisor or a superintendent will be selected, and frequently a non-supervisory employe will be asked to review the idea.

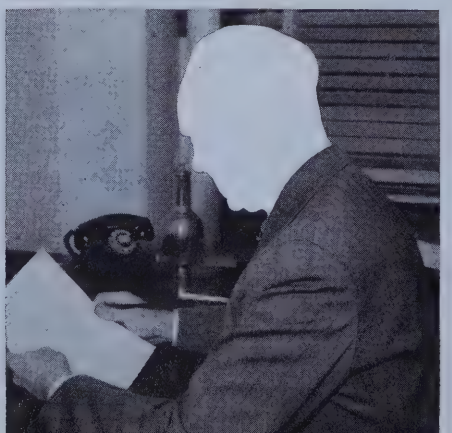
The second group is the Suggestion Committee, which meets twice a month, and carefully weighs the evidence presented by members of the reviewing committees. Each member of the Suggestion Committee passes on each idea submitted. On the Suggestion Committee are seven vice presidents, and two representatives from each vice-presidential division in the Company, plus the Chairman and Secretary of the Suggestion Committee.

2 Employe writes suggestion on blank, fills in, tears off, and keeps coupon. Encloses blank in envelope which is delivered by Company Mail.

3 The suggestion is reviewed for originality against duplicates file. Other clerical details and records are completed for filing and locating suggestions, etc.

4 The original suggestion is sent to the Correspondence section where thirty copies are made.

5 When duplicated copies are received, one is sent to a member of the Suggestion Committee who designates those he believes best qualified to review the suggestion. It is usually three, either management, or employe, or both.



6 The reviewers write their reports on back of duplicated copy and return them to the Suggestion office.

One of the duplicated copies is then sent to each of those appointed to review it. If sketch or exhibit accompanies suggestion, it is forwarded to each reviewer in turn. The last reviewer listed returns exhibit to the Suggestion Office. **7**

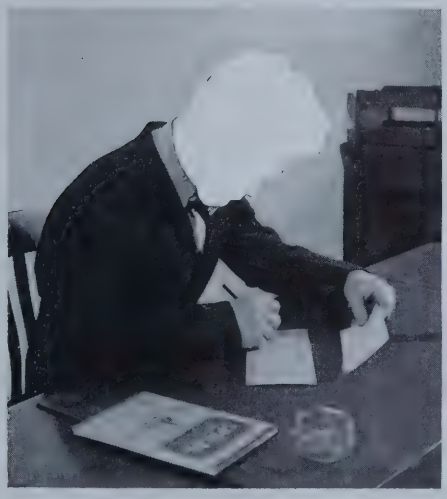
The Correspondence Section copies the individual reports on back of remaining duplicated copies of the suggestion, and returns them to the Suggestion Office. These are sorted and given to each member of the Suggestion Committee several days prior to the meeting. **8**

The Suggestion Committee meets twice a month. Each of the 23 members has a copy of all the suggestions to be considered, and the reports of the reviewing Committees. The entire Committee votes on each suggestion individually. **9**

Following the meeting, the Secretary notifies each vice president of the awards authorized on suggestions pertaining to his division. A copy of the suggestion recommended for adoption, plus exhibits, if any, is included with notice. **10**

Vice President notifies the superintendent to put the suggestion into effect. **11**

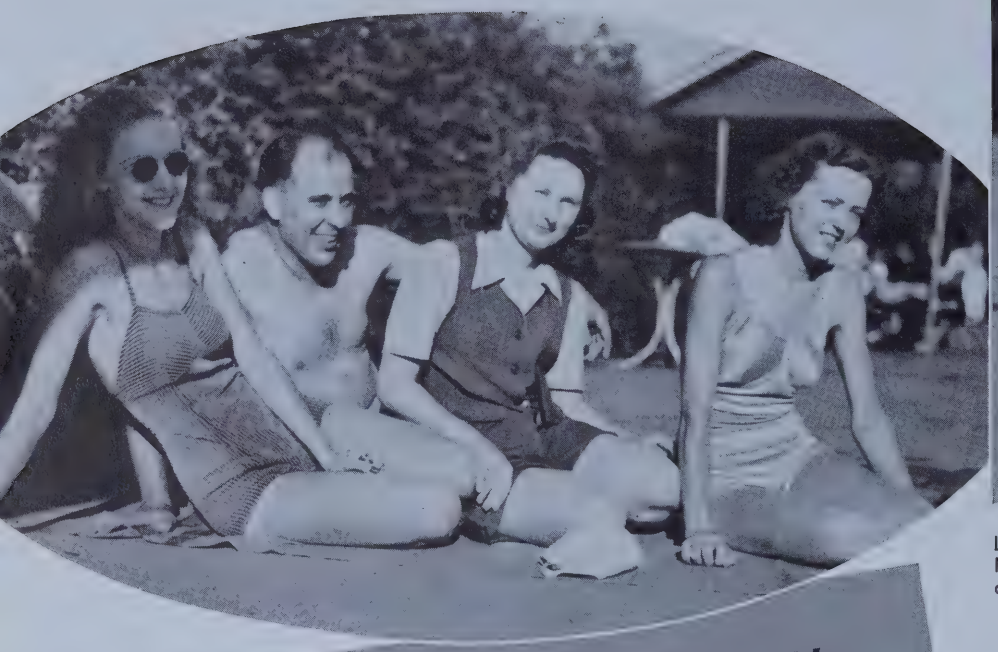
Following each meeting, the numbers of all suggestions on which awards are authorized are listed on the bulletin posted in every department. **12**

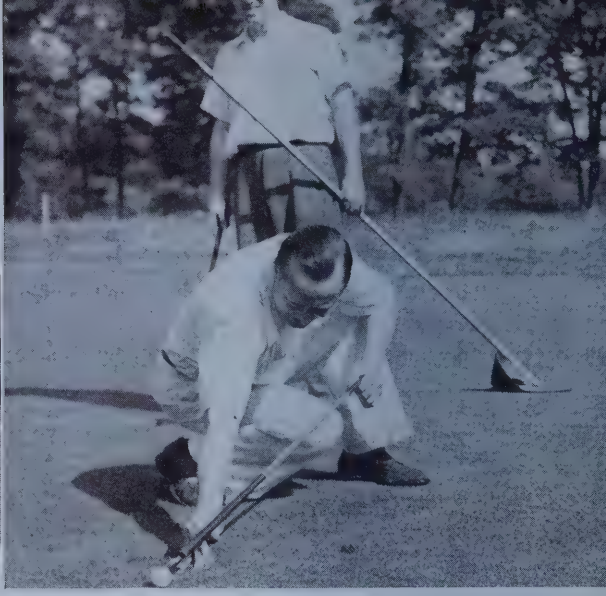


The employe sees the number of his suggestion on the bulletin board, and sends his numbered coupon to the Suggestion Office. **13**

Upon receipt of coupon, the Secretary notifies each suggester of the award by letter. Cash awards are paid by check and presented to the suggester by his superintendent on pay day. If the award is $25 or more, the check is presented by the Vice President. If the suggestion is not recommended for adoption, the reason is given with an explanation of why it could not be used. Each letter expresses appreciation for the suggestion and invites continued participation. **14**

Office records are noted, and the suggestion is filed with the employe's credentials. **15**





At the SUMMER PARTY

"a good time was had by all"

Left above, Lois Kanker, Treasury Receiving, Mail; Robert Gmeinder, Central; Helen Trella, Treasury Receiving, Mail; and Shirley Kanker, guest, took advantage of the sunshine to deepen their suntans.

Above, Stanley Modzikowski, Physical and Chemical Testing, is not playing billiards though Ray Lynch, Chicago District Pipeline, standing behind him is showing considerable interest in his actions.

Above, Stanley Modzikowski, John Bruen, Paymaster's office; Ray Lynch, Joseph Thomas, General Accounting Department; Clyde DuVall, General Accounting; and George Boddeker, Chicago District Pipeline; are all looking over the schedule to find out when they are going to tee off.

Right, above, Milo Maione, Crawford; Michael J. Lambke, Customers; Tom Allen, and William Hickey, Domestic Sales; were snapped while they were taking a short rest.

Right, Frank McCann, Hubert Atkinson, and Albert Paez, did not think so much of William Moore's putting as is evidenced by the nose-holding. All these men are from Central District.

175 Gas Folk Turn Out For Summer Party, June 24

Tom Allen Wins Ranney Trophy In Afternoon Match At Lincolnshire

Old Sol beamed a shining invitation to Gas Club members on the morning of June 24, and the weather man tuned in by supplying balmy breezes to make a perfect atmosphere for the Gas Club's big 1944 mid-summer event.

One hundred and seventy five Club members responded wholeheartedly, snatching golf bags, tennis racquets, swimming suits, and their best dispositions, and heading for Lincolnshire, to make it a day not soon to be forgotten in the annals of Gas Club history.

The golfers began teeing off at eight A.M. and some late arrivals were still tramping the fairways at dusk. By early afternoon, however, the low scorers were lined up and ready to compete for the Ranney Golf trophy. Tom Allen, of the Chicago District Pipeline, is the new possessor of the silver cup. If he wins it again and again (three times in all) it will be his for keeps.

Among the low gross scorers in the men's tourney, Paul Schabes, of South District, took first prize with a 74. Paul Coons, of Central District, and Tom Allen, trophy winner, tangled with a tie for second with an 80 apiece.

Other prize winners in the golf play were: Daniel Collins, Wilton Brown, Mary De Carl, Pat Hewitt, John Bruen, Robert Burns, Frank Mc Cann, Louise Peters, Helen Sheehan, Lois Kanker, Clyde DuVal, Allan Good, Paul Strom, Elmer Christell, L. Springman, C. Collins, Josephine Sheppard, Tom Keeley, Harry Shanks, Lorraine Smiley, and Warren Ossman.

Twenty-six employes and guests found the scenery excellent via horseback, riding through the wooded trails of the district.

The swimming pool became a very popular place early in the afternoon, at which time the Club's guests had the distinction of being the first to enter the water at Lincolnshire this season.

Food and Service Good

The guests all vowed that the food and the service at the Clubhouse were excellent, and the dancing on the outdoor dance floor under a star-studded sky left little to be desired. Joe McNerney and his band, plus a few "guest soloists" held forth until the management dimmed the lights sometime after midnight.

Peoples Gas Post Officers Elected For 1944-45

Ivan G. Anderson, Meter Shop, was elected Commander of Peoples Gas Post No. 336, The American Legion, and will be installed at ceremonies to be held in October.

Other newly elected officers are:

Albert A. Ward—Senior Vice-Commander

Leon J. Peikes—Junior Vice-Commander

Albert J. Frendahl—Treasurer

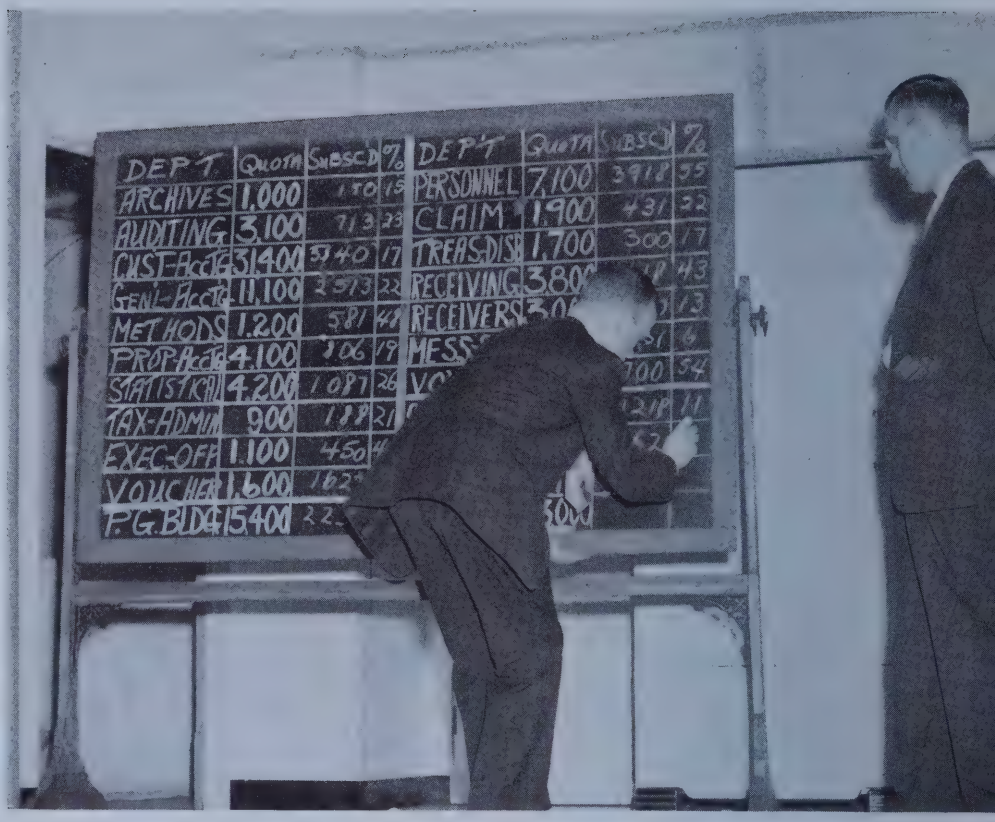
Carl F. Adams—Chaplain

Leo LaGesse—Sergeant-at-Arms

T. R. Bogumill, Arvid M. Lund, Christ A. Madiol, and Fred O. Swanson were elected to the Board of Directors for a period of 3 years.

Christ A. Madiol, T. R. Kearney, and T. R. Bogumill are the delegates to the State Convention of The American Legion to be held at Springfield, Illinois, August 26–28, 1944.

In a big "Prosperity Parade," almost 30 years ago, most of the Company's mechanized equipment assembled in Grant Park (then a treeless prairie) to take part in the procession. Some of the "old timers" will be able to identify the drivers of the "gas buggies" shown above. The man at the extreme right is Barney Cummings, seated in a snappy Ford Roadster.



Left, Master Technical Sergeant I. F. Waldvogel.

Above, Ray Koch posting figures on blackboard while Chris Madiol looks on.

Bond Drive Captains Report at 1st Quarterly Meeting

Pass $100,000 Mark as of June 30

THE first quarterly meeting for the Fifth War Loan Drive was held in the Home Service Auditorium at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 23, at which time it was estimated that approximately $63,169.00 in bonds as of June 15, had been purchased by employes directly or under the pay-roll deduction plan. This is approximately 19% of our total pledge. As of June 30, bonds totalling $116,000.00 had been purchased by Peoples Gas employes.

As each captain called out his report, the amount of cash from War Bond purchases and the percentages of the departmental quotas were posted by Ray Koch, Customer Accounting, on the blackboards set up for that purpose. If the captain's report was 25% of his quota or over a "cow bell" was rung. As the captains reported, Mabel Ahlstrom, General Accounting, recorded the figures on a comptometer. After the last report she announced the total figure and the per cent for the quarterly mark of the drive.

Those with 25% quotas or over were:

Executive Office-Budget, Purchasing & Stores	186	Personnel	55
Voucher-Sales	158	Finance, Personnel & Claim	54
Voucher-Customers Service	129	Executive Off.-Cust. Serv.	51
Engineering-Exec. Off.	114	Methods & Routines	48
Voucher-Budget, Purchasing & Stores	105	Treasury-Receiving	43
Voucher-Accounting	102	Executive Off.-Accounting	40
Voucher-Research & Testing	87	North Station	36
Customers		Budget	30
Statistical		Domestic Sales	28
		Domestic Sales-So. Dist.	28
			26
			26

J. M. Herrmann appealed to the captains and minute men to continue their work in the drive without letting up. Then Master Technical Sergeant I. F. Waldvogel, a Marine gunner on a torpedo plane, gave the audience some idea about how the boys in the South Pacific felt about this war and the folks at home.

Otto E. Seiler from the U. S. Treasury Department gave a talk on the reasons for the purchase of bonds by all of us at home, we, who can't do the actual fighting. He insisted that the future of the country and our boys depends largely on the folks at home. The goal for the Fifth War Loan Drive is $16,000,000,000. He asked for each of us to "pour it on, pour it on, and pour it on some more." He said he is concerned for the boys over there, and for the people of this country. The boys have been sent to places that they and we have only read or dreamed about, and they are over there not only for themselves, but for you and me and liberty—for free press, free speech, free religion, and a choice of the type of government we desire.

Chris Madiol, Chairman, then turned the meeting over to Michael J. Lambke, who called on the captains of the various divisions for their reports.

We must remember to keep buying bonds, not only during this drive, but during the remainder of the war to insure a quick victory. Bonds are the surest means to the Country's future and your future.

June Crop of Ideas Brings $215 In Cash To Authors

DURING THE month of June the Suggestion Committee awarded $215.00 in cash to employes who submitted ideas to the Suggestion System.

A $25.00 award was paid to Chris Poppelreiter, Central District; while a $20.00 award was given to Emil Buslovich, South District.

There were six $10.00 final awards given to the following men: John Condon, South District; Peter Martin, Customers Order; Russell Mitchell and Ernest Rainford, Credit and Collection; Joseph Mittelman, Service Dispatch; and John Seng, North Shop.

During this month two $10.00 preliminary awards were received by Paul Engel, Transportation; and John Lis, Customer Accounting.

Eleven $5.00 final cash awards were won by Joseph Blazek, Crawford Station; Catherine Crawford, Correspondence; William Donovan, Research and Testing; Hugo Gustafson, Meter Shop; Carl Haase, Arthur Reardon, and John Roche, Customers Order; Alfred Leach, General Accounting; Dolores Mahony, Office of the Building; Albert Marshall, Division Street Station; and Joseph Schwarz, North Shop.

For their constructive thinking, six employes earned merit awards. Ernest Johnson, Crawford Station, earned $10.00; while Stephen Brophy and Dorothy O'Keefe, Research and Testing; Joseph Healy, Operating; Charles Lewis, North District; and Louis Wolf, South District each received $5.00.

They Entered Military Service During June

BECHTOLD, ROBERT C.,
Meter Reader, Meter Reading Department

COLBY, ANTHONY J.,
Tabulating Machine Operator, Customer Accounting, Billing Section

WASSERMANN, EARL L.,
Meter Reader, Meter Reading Department

Gas Ad

FOR SALE: 1 Large desk, 1 Adjustable drawing table, 2 Flower urns. Phone: Lewis O. Thorn, Hyde Park 4192. 6636 Minerva Avenue.

Klawitter Takes Suggestion Habit With Him Into the Army

AND FINDS THAT IT PAYS DIVIDENDS

HERE'S A man who carried his Company-acquired habit of making suggestions with him into the Army, and found that it pays there, too. Francis Klawitter, a gas serviceman from Central District, who can spot an out-of-adjustment range as easily as radar can spot a target, is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After handling numerous assignments at the camp, including that of instructor, he was ordered to do some work in one of the numerous camp kitchens.

Noticing that some of the ranges in the kitchens needed adjustment, he wrote a suggestion and sent it to the Army Suggestion Bureau. When writing his idea, he stressed the importance of proper adjustment, cleaning, and care of the gas appliances. Apparently, the Army was impressed. A captain called him in, and questioned him concerning his knowledge of the subject, and about the condition of the cooking equipment which he had observed in the camp.

Following the interview with the Captain, Francis was given the responsibility for the periodic inspection and care of the ranges in the entire camp area. Following an initial tour of the kitchens, Klawitter will have charge of a crew of range adjusters, who will keep the equipment in top operating condition. And to top it off, a higher rating was promised for a job well done.

Francis Klawitter

Victor Hugo once said, "No Army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come." Can it be that Klawitter read that some place before going to work for Uncle Sam?

Service Anniversaries

JULY 1944

45 YEARS
JONES, WILLIAM JR., North District

40 YEARS
GHEDOTTI, JOSEPH, South District

35 YEARS
KENDALL, ERNEST L., South District
WEBER, OSCAR H., Distribution, Meter Shop

30 YEARS
HORNBROOK, FREDERICK V., South District
LE FORGE, CHARLES C., Purchasing

25 YEARS
BELOVICH, JOHN, South Station
CASELLA, JOSEPH, Meter Shop
HOUPY, JOSEPH, Meter Reading
KOUBA, CHARLES, South District
LOGUE, JOHN H., Meter Shop
OBECNY, CHESTER V., Treasury
SCHAEFER, THEODORE J., Credit and Collection
VALENTINI, THERESA M., Correspondence
WALSH, FRANK P., Service Dispatching

Card of Thanks

YOUR KINDNESS and sympathy are deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

IRENE WOLF

Victory Garden Show and Contest Planned

THE TENTATIVE date set for the fall Victory Garden Show is September 5 and 6, according to the committee in charge of the affair. The event will be staged on the main floor of the Peoples Gas Building, and prizes will be given for the best Victory garden produce exhibited by employes.

Picnic to be Held at Riverview, July 29

THE PEOPLES GAS CLUB Entertainment Committee is now able to announce that the Annual Employe's Basket Picnic will be held at Riverview Park, on July 29.

As has been the custom at past picnics, the Club will dispense coffee, lemonade, and ice cream to the family groups. A full program of events, including dancing and athletic contests will be staged. Ticket applications and additional information will be mailed to all employes soon.

Company Launches Refinancing Program

URGES BONDHOLDERS TO TURN REDEEMED PEOPLES GAS BONDS INTO WAR BONDS

ON June 20, the Company launched a program of corporate refinancing involving the sale to eight insurance companies at par of $20,000,000 worth of First and Refunding Mortgage 3 per cent Series G bonds, due June 15, 1961.

The proceeds from the sale of the Series G bonds, together with $386,000 of corporate cash, has been deposited with the Trustee under the Company's refunding mortgage for the payment of the $20,386,000 for Refunding Mortgage 5 per cent Gold Bonds which mature September 1, 1947.

The Company has made arrangements with the City Bank Farmers Trust Company of New York City and the First National Bank of Chicago, to pay the holders of the Series G Bonds, plus a premium of $118 per $1,000 bond, plus interest to September 1, 1944, to all who present them on or before September 1 of this year.

The purpose behind this offer is to enable bondholders to turn their bonds in for payment now, and if they so desire, invest their funds in United States Government securities during the Fifth War Loan Drive.

This refinancing anticipates the 1947 refunding mortgage 5% bond maturity and insures now a 3% interest rate on the new issue for seventeen years.

After giving effect to this refinancing, the outstanding long term debt of the Company will be as follows:

$ 4,864,000	Mutual Fuel Gas Company First Mortgage 5% bonds due November 1, 1947
15,000,000	First and Refunding Mortgage Series F, 3% bonds due August 1, 1955
20,000,000	First and Refunding Mortgage Series G, 3% bonds due June 15, 1961
22,000,000	First and Refunding Mortgage Series E, 3¼% bonds due August 1, 1966

It is the present intention of the Company to pay at maturity the Mutual Fuel Gas Company 5% bonds due November 1, 1947 without resorting to a refunding of that issue.

This transaction further reduces the Company's total funded debt by $386,000, which totals $61,864,000, a reduction of $30,913,100 since December 31, 1932.

The insurance companies which purchased the new bonds for investment and the amounts of their purchase were as follows:

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	$5,000,000
The Prudential Insurance Company of America	4,000,000
The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States	4,000,000
The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York	3,000,000
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company	1,000,000
The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company	1,000,000
The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company	1,000,000
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company	1,000,000

These bonds were sold privately and negotiations were conducted without intermediaries or commissions.

J. Caulfield, J. McCambridge Killed in Action

WORD has reached the Company to the effect that two employes who left the Company to serve in the U. S. Army Air Corps have been killed.

Lt. John Caulfield, formerly of the Stores Department, was reported "killed in action" over Germany, April 29. He was employed by the Company April 5, 1940 and left for the U. S. Army Air Corps on October 29, 1942. He was 23 years old.

John McCambridge, who was employed in the Meter Reading Department, was killed in an accident at a training field near Seymour, Indiana. He had been employed with the Company eight months prior to his entering military service with the Army Air Corps on November 27, 1942.

How to Check Army Serial Numbers

IF THE first digit is "1," it means the man joined the regular Army after the draft began.

If it is a "2," it means he was a National Guard unit member called up.

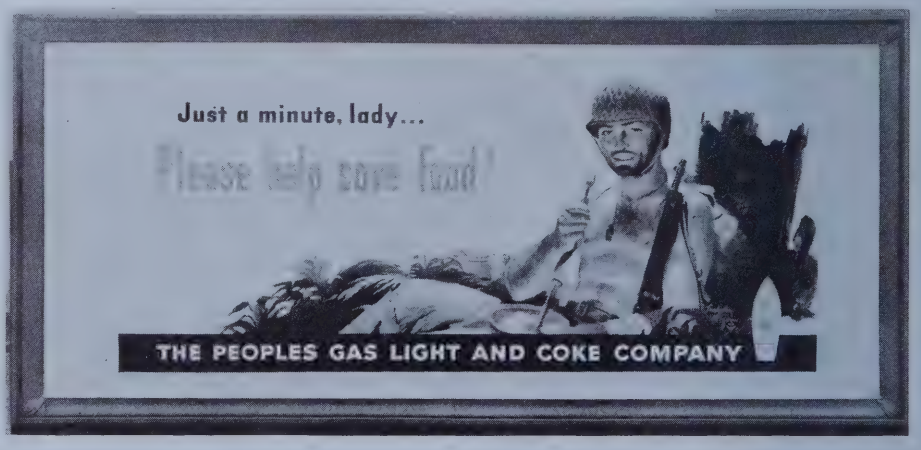
If it is a "3," it means the G.I. was drafted.

The second digit reveals the man's service or command; the other numbers are personal identification.

If there is an "O" in front of the numbers, he's an officer.

"A," she's a WAC; "L," she's a WAC officer; the serial number is private property, it is never re-assigned.

For example: O-1307694—explanation: Officer joining regular Army after the draft, now in Third Service Command.



Above is a reproduction of one of the Company's current billboard advertisements, requesting Mr. and Mrs. Chicago to conserve food during these war times.

the women's slant

by Martha Holmes and Marie C. Meyers

Warm-weatherosis

Ice from heat—sounds fantastic, doesn't it? But the tiny gas flame of the Servel Electrolux does just that. It produces cold silently and as a seemingly miraculous result you have ice cubes, temperatures for accurate refrigeration, and delicious ice creams, sherbets and ices—a sure treat on a hot summer day.

Summer weather, with all its heat and stickiness, is becoming more and more of a reality as the season progresses. And it is a natural course of events that in all your discomfort your mind casts around for something—anything at all—that will bring even a momentary feeling of relief.

Having just spent the past several weeks developing and testing recipes for unusual and especially appetizing ice creams and sherbets, the Home Service Department is confident that it has a very satisfactory solution to warm-weatherosis.

They are so easy to make and there are so many kinds to be made that the housewife will find that having a miscellaneous selection of recipes on hand will be her summer-long answer for desserts and midday snacks.

With the "Swan song" of whipping cream and thick coffee cream, many women have veered to other types of desserts. But frozen dishes are just as accessible now as ever.

There are a number of products on the market that make this possible. One of these is unflavored or flavored gelatine, which when mixed with other ingredients, whether frozen in a tray of an automatic refrigerator or a regular freezer, gives body and consistency to ice creams and helps to prevent the formation of icy crystals.

Sweetened condensed and evaporated milk serve the same purpose plus giving a richness and creaminess to frozen dishes that is every housewife's desire.

The secret of many refrigerator ice creams and sherbets is frequent stirring or mixing with an electric or rotary beater during the freezing process.

To satisfy your family with cooking summer desserts, call Wabash 6000 and ask for the Home Service Department. We have an excellent selection of recipes that will prove to be a joy to the youngest, the oldest, and all in-betweens.

Write Him Today

Your son, brother, relative or friend in the service gets a big lift out of frequent, cheerful letters from you. Far away from home those letters to him are more valuable than their "weight-in-gold." They cheer him, give him courage and keep his hopes high in battle. Make every day a V-Mail Letter Day.

Land of Freedom

Via the New Yorker. A Senior hostess at one of the local canteens was dutifully putting a visiting Australian soldier at his ease the other night. "And I suppose," she said brightly, "that the first thing you saw when you got to this country was the Statue of Liberty." "No, Ma'am," the soldier said. "Alcatraz."

A World Cruise of Embroidery

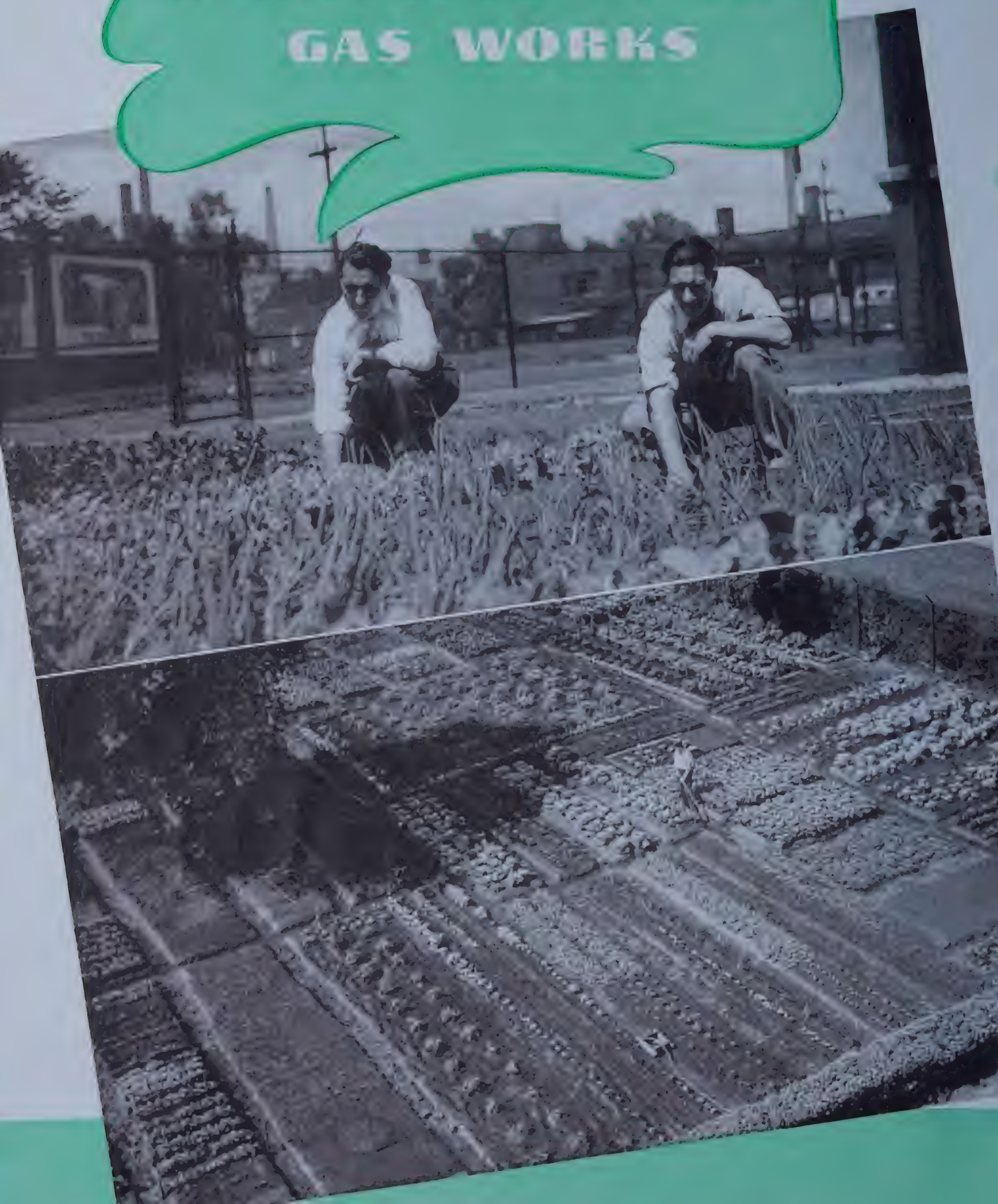
Curious, strange and often of great beauty are the hundreds of examples of embroidery now currently on view at The Art Institute. The exhibition, entitled EMBROIDERY AND ITS USES, is divided into two sections; that of Europe and America and that of the Near and Far East. Tremendous variety chronologically and geographically helps to dramatize the many unexpected uses to which embroidery has been put during its history. From the European and American section, you will see striking chair seats, pillow and table covers, embroidered framed pictures, needle books, thimble cases, flower sprays for the hair. From the Near and Far East there are elaborately patterned Chinese shoes and fantastic platform shoes. Two Chinese embroidered robes for court officials are of breath-taking richness. The exhibition will continue until December.

Set for Summer

Here is a smart white and black topper with matching bag which can be worn into late summer. A spider web of black crocheted mesh encases this attractive beret and bag; crocheted of white pearl cotton. The economy of making the set is a point in favor of crocheting your own accessories. Directions are obtainable at GAS NEWS OFFICE, ROOM 719.

Stunning hat and bag to be worn anytime, anywhere.

GARDENING AT THE GAS WORKS



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Work "After Hours" On Their Victory Gardens

In the top photo at left, Clyde Traise and William Barnes are doing a little late afternoon manicuring on their garden plots.

In the bottom photo, at left, Frank Lavin, of Calumet Station, is keeping weeds down in the well-kept Victory Garden on the far South side.

Above, and at right, James Boucek is busy grooming his patch of healthy plants at the Crawford Station gardens.

At right, three husky South District fellows are busy at 64th St. Station producing war-necessary foodstuffs for the family larder. They are: Tony Celich, Louis Wolf, and Leo Feingold.

Below at right, the picture shows part of the beautiful landscaping adjacent to the North Shore holder, on the far north side of the city. In the circle, Joseph Schwarz, of North District, spends a little time in the early evening keeping the weeds away.

from Our Men in the Service

John J. Williams, Sr.
Somewhere in New Guinea

Everything is running along smoothly over here. I am kept plenty busy so I don't have much time to write. I am doing refrigeration work for the battalion. Guess what my problem child is? That's right—a kero operated Servel. I have to keep my Aladdin's lamp trimmed and fuel tank full. I happen to be the only one in the outfit that knows anything about them. They still don't believe that it can work with just a lamp under it. Turning the flame up and down controls the temperature. Some fun.

You don't know what trouble is until you get into refrigeration. I have a number of large units, ice machines, and ice cream machines to take care of. Thanks to Art Gervais and his swell teaching of controls, circuits, and thermostats, I can handle all electrical problems with ease. You have to make a lot from nothing at times, but "Seebee" can do. Duty calls so I must take my tool box (can't even get rid of one over here) and run.

Norbert Ulbrich Mo. M.M. 2/c
Point Reyes, California

I am back in sunny California and hard at work once again. I cut the palm of my right hand this morning while getting Abalones. It is a deep cut and as a result my right hand is quite sore and bandaged now. Perhaps some of you have eaten Abalone steaks; so I will tell a little about them. They have a very hard shell which we use for ash trays after cleaning them. They live on sea weed and other sea vegetation, and are very easy to catch. They attach themselves to rocks in the water, and I mean really attach, as you need a scraper or bar similar to a tire tool to pry them off the rocks. Three of us were out from 8 to 9 this morning and came back with four sugar sacks full—100-pound sugar sacks. We also dug a few clams.

Adam Soich S/c
Great Lakes, Ill.

The Navy has an off day and Sunday is the day. We have nothing but church and chow scheduled for us.

So far the Navy hasn't taken any weight off of me, in fact they have added a few pounds. We have a wonderful company of men here from all parts of the country. They are all radio technicians and college men.

The graduation day from boot training is June 23. We do not get a leave, but we do go to Chicago for school. I will be looking forward to seeing all my friends.

Lt. Comdr. M. J. Carley
U.S.S. President Jackson

I was very much surprised to find that it took such a short length of time to get mail out here. I have heard this is due to the use of planes and the fact that the boys can now fly a more direct route. It is a far cry from the old Guadalcanal and Tulagi days when we waited for weeks before receiving mail.

That part is very fine, but on the other hand we are starting to play in the other guys' half of the field and it is going to be a lot tougher going, especially when we get on that one-yard line.

I haven't seen many of the gas house boys, although I expect to run into them most any time. Any of the boys who see our ship will be welcomed by the X.O. How to get the word to them is a problem, but I see by the News there are plenty of the old gang scattered in our operating area.

We had our first eggs in over three months and also some lettuce. Boy, what a treat! I met Artie Shaw in Australia and found him a good Joe.

We picked up a bunch of Marines recently, and after talking to them about their experiences, we told them we would serve no salmon or corned beef. Seemingly that, with carrots, had been a steady diet for quite some time. We gave them the works in the way of food, and let me tell you they were one happy bunch. These Marines are the tops when it comes to tackling our little yellow "friends" and as the song goes "Without them—we don't know what we'd do."

Pictured left to right, Staff Sergeant Richard Shults, assistant crew chief, Lt. Morris Williams, and Staff Sergeant Albert Godwick, crew chief, formerly of the Credit and Collection Department. Lt. Williams is telling his ground crew about a combat experience over Germany.

E. A. Anderson A/S
Great Lakes, Ill.

Oh, it's a great life up here all right. We went through the procedure of being inducted from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, and arrived up here at 5:00 P.M. After chow, we were issued bedding for the night and received temporary quarters. Friday, we had chow at 6:30 A.M. and then got all our gear and quarters. This took until 5:00 P.M., so no noon chow. We spent Saturday getting our clothing and gear stencilled, and cleaning our barracks. Sunday we did little except washing, eating, and resting.

Edward Anderson and his son, Ed., Jr.

I was made clerk to my company which keeps me busy from morning until night. The company is starting their "work week" today so I had to assign the men to their different jobs. If you think taking care of 140 men is any fun, try it some time.

Now that they are all taken care of, I can sit back and take it easy for a while. I went over to a ball game. It was swell—marching five miles to the park, sitting in the sun all afternoon, and marching five miles back.

Five Bonds for Five Sons

IN THE SERVICE

FIVE BLUE stars appear in the service flag at the bay window of the Biskupski home. Another just like it graces the bulletin board at North Shore Holder, where "pappy" Biskupski works. Before the war, John Biskupski was proud of his five children — all of them sons. Today his pride is still greater, knowing, as he does, that they are all in the service, fighting for his adopted country.

John proved his patriotism and his pride during the Fifth War Loan by buying a bond for each of his five sons.

John Biskupski is on the Division Street Station payroll, temporarily working at North Shore Holder. He has been an employe of the Company for 31 years.

Health — HOW TO KEEP IT

By DR. HAROLD STEINBERG

THE CHANGE from the rather cool weather of spring to the warm, exceedingly humid days of this summer was more abrupt than we usually experience in this area. On humid, hot days, it is relatively easy for a person performing heavy physical labor to develop heat cramps or suffer from heat exhaustion. Up to now, we have not seen a single case of what we could consider even a moderately severe case of heat sickness. It becomes obvious then that the adherence to these simple principles that we continue to stress actually does the job, and very well at that. Remember to keep your skin clean; take a bath once a day. Wear light clothing. Eat about half the amount of food that you eat normally. Drink plenty of cool (not iced) water, lemonade or orangeade. Do not drink soda pop, coke, or any variety of iced carbonated beverages. It is best that you take from 2 to 4 salt tablets depending on the temperature and humidity on any particular day. When performing heavy physical labor, it may be necessary for you to take 4 to 8 salt tablets daily, probably 1 to 2 tablets every two hours with one-half glass of water.

On the contrary, however, we have been seeing more people who are severely sunburned. Sunburn is not a true burn but a reaction of the skin to the ultra-violet rays contained in sunlight. So many persons, both young and old, are anxious to sport a healthy "sun tan" but are not patient enough to obtain it in small doses.

When exposing oneself to the sun, be sure that in the beginning exposure is gradual. Wear dark glasses to protect the eyes from glare and from reaction to the ultra-violet rays. Oils which cover the skin are of limited value. Clothing serves as the best type of protection. If a severe burn is present, it is best to obtain the advice of a doctor as to what treatment should be followed.

Keep a Record of Your War Bonds is Treasury Advice

FOR THE protection of Bond owners and to facilitate the reissuance of Bonds which might become mutilated, lost, stolen, or destroyed, it is advisable to keep a descriptive record of Bonds owned in a safe place, but not with the Bonds.

A record of each Bond should show the denomination, the serial number with prefix and suffix letter, the issue date (month and year), the name and address of the owner as inscribed on the face of the Bond, and the name of the issuing agent, as well as the date.

Because of the volume of Bonds issued, it is a difficult task for an issuing agent to supply this information in the event that it becomes necessary for the owner to procure it.

War Housing Regulations Include Utility Employes

PUBLIC UTILITY employes have been classed as war workers by the War Housing authorities, and can, under certain conditions, rent or buy new homes. The public utilities were not given permission to be classified as war workers under these regulations until December 10, 1943.

It is now possible for employes of the Company on the locality list, lists of locations where rental or sale is permitted, of the National Housing Agency to be eligible for War Housing Units for rent or sale:

1. If they are coming into this metropolitan area from other parts of the country.

2. If they are evicted from the property they are occupying because of sale and at the request of the new owner where property was owned prior to October, 1942, if the owner requests occupancy for his own use.

3. If the employe lives beyond a three hour round trip ride by public conveyance between office and home, he is then qualified to make application to the War Housing Center for a place to live within the given time limit.

The regulations under 2 are stipulations made by the Price Administration and a certificate of eviction must be presented to the War Housing Center at the time of application for rental or purchase of new war homes.

Karen Fladoes, Known as Martha Holmes, Resigns

MISS KAREN FLADOES, Home Service Director for the Company since 1936, has resigned, effective July 15, to accept a position as Director of Home Economics of the Nash Kelvinator Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.

In her eight years of service with the Company, Miss Fladoes was known to the public by the company name of "Martha Holmes," and under this name directed the activities of the Home Service Department. These activities included distribution of recipe sheets to Chicago housewives, operation of a telephone service to answer homemakers' questions on cookery, presentation of large neighborhood cooking schools in cooperation with community newspapers and the staging of smaller cooking demonstrations before church and club groups.

As Peoples Gas' Director of Home Service, Miss Fladoes was active in home service association work. She is a member of the American Home Economics Association, affiliated with Chicago Home Economics in Business. She has been secretary of the latter organization and is chairman-elect for 1945. She was chairman of the Midwest Home Service committee of the American Gas Association.

She also is a member of the Chicago Nutrition Committee and has cooperated with the Consumer Information division of the Office of Civilian Defense, bringing consumer warden training courses to the Company's Home Service Auditorium.

Miss Fladoes was president of the Women's Advertising Club of Chicago for the 1942–43 term and second vice-president of the Chicago Federated Advertising Club for 1944–45.

Her previous positions were: Home Service Director of the Equitable Gas Company and the Duquesne Light Company in Pittsburgh from 1927 to 1936.

Miss Fladoes took home economics training courses at Stout Institute and Columbia University.

Customers Like Budget Billing

Over Eight Hundred Heating Customers Adopt System of Equal Bill Payments During Year

EIGHT hundred sixty-seven new customers have been added to the Budget Billing Plan this year. Since the beginning of this plan, the number of customers using the system totals 3,245 as of May 31.

Those who are interested in this plan may make application anytime between April and September. It is a privilege offered to customers who heat their homes with gas which enables them to pay their entire heating bill by the installment system, spreading the year's heating cost over a period of several months.

There are four ways for this account to be billed. They are billed in eleven monthly installments starting in June, ten monthly installments starting in July, nine monthly installments starting in August, or eight monthly installments starting in September.

Each month during the budget period the customer receives a gas bill for the installment with a statement of his account showing the gas used and the accumulated credit or debit of his account.

In May the budget period is balanced. The difference is refunded if the customer has paid more than the sum of the bills; and any amount owed is charged on the May bill if the customer has paid less than the bills totalled. During the non-budget months the customer receives bills based on the amount of gas used.

This plan was devised to spread the heating cost evenly. Widespread customer satisfaction with the plan is indicated by the increase in customers using the system.

Company's Advertising Wins National Award

THE COMPANY'S newspaper advertising received national distinction, last month, when it was given first prize award for advertising supporting the war effort by the Public Utilities Advertising Association. The award was presented to the Advertising Department at the convention of the association, at the Palmer House, on Saturday, June 8.

The award can be interpreted to mean that the P.U.A.A. contest judges considered our Company's newspaper advertising to be the most effective in support of the war effort, among all of the public utility advertisements in the United States during the year 1943.

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Presents this certificate to
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IN THE 1944 BETTER COPY CONTEST
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PUBLIC UTILITIES ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION, INC.

Above is the certificate awarded to the Company by the Public Utilities Advertising Association, in recognition of the merit of its advertising supporting the war effort.

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE BOARD is introducing a new publication, "THE MANAGEMENT ALMANAC." Planned as a companion-piece to "The Economic Almanac," it is to be issued annually. It is designed particularly to meet the needs of personnel and labor relations executives. The 1944 volume, in the Library, has chapters on cost of living, compensation, work schedules, unemployment compensation, employment procedures, training of employes, and miscellaneous personnel practices. In compiling the volume inquiries pouring into The Conference Board daily from associates were helpful clues, as well as the type of information sought by library visitors. Judgment was also based on knowledge of the work of industrial relations departments in many hundreds of companies, and the result is an excellent handbook of facts, policies, and practices, with statistics that we're always looking for in a hurry. . . . Of interest in view of next winter's threatened fuel shortage is the University of Illinois Engineering Experiment Station Bulletin No. 348—FUEL SAVING RESULTING FROM CLOSING OF ROOMS AND FROM USE OF A FIREPLACE. These studies were made of the fuel savings to be effected by closing of rooms in two insulated houses, in which heating systems were automatically controlled. One house was heated by means of a gas-fired, forced-air system and the other by means of an oil-fired, forced-circulation, hot-water system. Tests were conducted with and without the use of the fireplace in the living room. . . . The NEW PROVISIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX act of 1944 are explained in a small booklet issued by Commerce Clearing House. The act was approved May 29, 1944, and this booklet gives the new tax rate tables and an explanation of changes. . . . Two current magazine articles present some new phases of the gas industry and make interesting reading: GAS TURBINE: NEW PRIME MOVER, in Fortune, June 1944. CHICKEN-WIRE CHEMISTRY, by J. D. Ratcliff, in Colliers, June 17, 1944.

BY WILLIAM HELME

BARRAGE BALLOONS—As part of the Fifth War Loan Drive, two barrage balloons have been hovering over Grant Park causing much comment along Michigan Avenue. Similar balloons in great numbers over England played an important part in the defense of that country and in our invasion of Europe. Usually filled with hydrogen, those on the lake front contain helium. In combat areas they are raised to a height of about 2000 feet and from each is suspended a strong, powerful cable attached to a windlass on the ground. When hit by an enemy plane, the cable becomes detached, wrapping itself around some portion of the plane. At one end of the detached cable is a small parachute. A high explosive bomb is on the other end. As the parachute fills with air, it pulls back, drawing the bomb towards the plane. The bomb explodes on contact. Of course the balloon goes free and is lost but as one of the sergeants on duty explained: "We'll trade a balloon for a plane any time."

TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL—Development of a new method of killing tuberculosis bacteria in the air thru use of a glycol gas was disclosed at a recent session of the American Academy of Tuberculosis Physicians in Chicago. It was emphasized that the process is still in the experimental stage but it is believed it would prove invaluable for use in sanatoria, mental disease hospitals, prisons, and other institutions where tuberculosis bacteria might be prevalent. Propylene and triethylene glycols are evaporated into the air and "actually drown the germs." The gas is tasteless, odorless, invisible, and harmless.

CHICAGO SMACKS JAPAN—All Americans were thrilled to hear that the B-29's are riding the skies over Japan. Each B-29 has four engines. The engines are made in Chicago at the plant of one of our largest industrial customers. Our company and its employes may well feel proud of the part that gas played as these super planes plaster Japan from the sky.

COURTESY OVER THE 'PHONE

Employes' manners are part of a Company's reputation

1. There is for instance the guy who doesn't exactly call people and say "guess who this is," but who does something almost as bad; he stays anonymous when he answers the phone. He COULD say: "Jones speaking," but that would be too courteous and helpful.

2. The guy who makes a week-end visit out of every telephone call. He ties up the line, ties up the other party and his feelings are hurt if you hurry him up. He's a conversation hoarder.

3. This bird is important. He means to show you his importance by answering his telephone only after the fourth ring. Or maybe if he feels VERY important, he'll let it ring six times. His attitude is that of "big shot."

4. The toast was burnt this morning and this fellow is mad. He now proceeds to take it out on every person who calls. Why shouldn't he yell and roar at people over the telephone? They can't hurt him because they can't get at him.

5. The man with the grievance. And he'll have to tell you, right now, all about it. Maybe you're busy, maybe you have a customer . . . you'll have to listen to his story in intimate detail. It makes him feel better to cry on somebody's shoulder, while the party on the receiving end would like to cry from sheer boredom.

6. Let it ring! It's not on his desk, is it? He's not a telephone operator, is he? Why should he answer the other fellow's telephone? People are always calling up and bothering a guy anyway. He's a busy man.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Treasury-Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

RUTH CAMPANALE, who left us last October to await the stork's visit, is back with us again. Belated congrats to Al and Ruth on the birth of Baby Ellen. . . . Erla Pascoe left us in June to marry fiance Tom Burton, way down Texas way. Best

Rosemary Gleason with fiance Ray Fatter

of luck, Tom and Erla. . . . Here's a snap of that Cash Stub Listing lovely, Rosemary Gleason. with husband-to-be, Ray Fatter. They'll be married on his next leave. . . . Muriel Fee, Mary Limparis, Lorraine Thurnes, and Alice Bantli, are vacationing at home this year, while Ed Caulfield and Jack Penney prefer Long Beach, Indiana and Gresham, Ill., respectively. . . . Welcome to our six new gals, Florence Brindici, Joan Hedberg, Maurita O'Connell, Shirley Schubert, Marilyn Tagtmeyer, and Katherine Wilkinson.

Auditing

BY G. A. ANDRIES

OUR LATEST WORD from Al. Drigot now places him at Camp Grant. After having completed his basic military training at Ft. Sheridan, and having applied for line duty, he is now classified as a medical corps trainee. That's the Army, Mr. Drigot. . . . Kenneth Love, Petty Officer, first class, dropped in to say hello on his furlough from Mechanicsburg, Penn., where he keeps the I.B.M. units humming. . . . The newlyweds, Ensign and Mrs. A. C. DiLullo, send greetings from Daytona Beach, Fla. . . . Esther Strebel, our newest staff member, hails from the University of Wisconsin. A cordial welcome, Esther! . . . Harry Hoffman, loaded down with a gift for our office—his incomparable peonies, paid us a visit last month. Whether or not you're giving flowers, we're always glad to see you, Harry.

Bookkeeping

BY PHYLLIS TROSSEN

WE RECEIVED A VISIT from Elmer Filek, his wife, and two children the other day. Elmer was in on his last furlough before being shipped out. You sure have something worth fighting for there, Elmer. . . We were glad to receive letters from Robert LaMonte and Bill Savage, who both arrived safely over seas. . . We wish to extend our sincerest sympathy to Mary Farrell on the loss of her guardian and Uncle, and to George Holm on the loss of his Father. . . It's best not to mention the good old sunshine to Gus Orsor, who accidentally dropped off to sleep in the mid-afternoon. . . Congratulations were in order to Art Buege, and Andy McIntyre, who both became Grandfathers. For Art, it was a boy, and for Andy, a girl. . . We received letters from Lee Baker, in New Guinea; Philip Crimins at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Dick Covey, Camp Wheeler, Georgia; and Erwin Holdyck, who surprised us all with the news of his marriage to the former Beverly Anderson, of Rockford, Illinois. Erwin is stationed down there at Chanute Field. Congratulations and lots of luck. . . Bill Burke's wife, the former Helen Johnson of the Key Punch, visited the office the other day, bringing with her their two-year-old son, Robert. He looks just like you, Bill. . . Well, another employe of Customer Accounting has left us. Yes, it's Joe Schneider, who has reported for service in the Navy. Good Luck, Joe. . . Mickey Sheridan is on his vacation, and he claims there's no place like home.

Cpl. William Savage

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

A FRIENDLY HAND of welcome is extended to Alice Stiles, Marie Cosmas, and Sylvia Bakotic, newcomers to this department. . . . Many happy returns on your birthday, Bill Meyer, Ed Zoltowski, Tom McCarthy, and Walter Pschioda. May you have many more of them. . . . Harry Johnson, Edgar Elliott, and Charles Piper left on their vacations. Charlie, who is Chairman of the Victory Garden Committee in his community, will be kept busy in that activity. . . . Dan Driscoll also reports a good crop in his Victory Garden, but lots of work in connection with it. . . . A letter was received from E. T. Chouinard, who is stationed in San Francisco, thanking the gang for their friendly greetings and the GAS NEWS, which keeps him well informed as to what is going on.

Tabulating

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

Yes, little Jimmy's father, Ace Colby, is now in the Navy. As yet we do not know his address. . . . Frances Swickrath received quite a thrill when her brother called from California after being overseas for so long. . . . Mrs. Helen Graves left the Company officially June 22, to be with her husband in South Carolina. This is the picture we wanted to have in before this. . . . Sergeant T. J. Kirby, formerly from the Auditing, and now at Greensboro, North Carolina, was in on furlough the end of June, as was his fiancée, Jean Brundage, "a used to be one of us," and now working for the Miami Air Depot in Miami, Florida. . . . Mr. Hartmann will be just that much smarter because of going to Supervisors' School in the building. . . . The men are going in for wearing smocks in the "Tab," according to Clarence McNamee. . . . Just the same, "the bills must get out." . . . Sincere condolences to Eileen Brice upon the death of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Graves

Domestic Sales

BY GRACE CARDWELL

HAPPY DAY—a Christening day at the Fleming abode. Susan Germaine was the name bestowed upon the little one pictured here with her dad, Jim Fleming, her great grandmother and her mother, Florence Fleming. . . . Once again vacation days are upon us. Lois Blotter took to searching for sky hooks on hers. Lessons in flying seemed an ideal '44 vacation to Lois. . . . Ed Rowe and his wife took to a diet of chicken on their two weeks off. Golden brown, fried in butter. That's how it's served back home on the farm in Missouri. . . . Walter Anderson looked for relaxation in Dowagiac, Michigan. We'll be hearing about the fish in Dewey Lake for some time to come. . . . The Navy now rates one of our former boys as Chief Warrant Officer. None other than our Ray Bitter. Ray paid us a visit while on leave from Boston. You may soon address Ray's mail to Washington, D. C. where his job will be to help place discharged vets. . . . Hickory Dickory, We Bought War Bonds For Victory.

Susan Germaine with her family: dad, James Fleming; grandmother, and mother, Florence Fleming.

Archives

BY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

A LATE issue of a north side community newspaper informs us that Corp. James Canty has recently been promoted for efficiency in his duties as a parachute rigger at a strategic air depot in England. On his skill depends the lives of Eighth Air Force combat crews. We are glad to hear these interesting things about Jim as his letters are restricted, and he cannot say much about his duties. . . . S/Sgt. Eugene Sullivan has completed 14 air missions, as of a May date, and feels hopeful of completing 36 more. He will then be seeing the homefolks on a well earned furlough. Make it speedy, Gene. . . . Vacations on the home front are being enjoyed by William Raden and Anthony Abbate. . . . Marshall Curry built himself a chicken coop and will now be in open competition with James Maher, the "hen man" of his block. . . . "Victory farmers" now include Matt Kramer and Sam Bartlett. May they endure this heat till the full harvest.

Central

BY WILLIAM MORGAN

WE HEAR A LOT these days about the boys in the armed forces collecting souvenirs on their travels, but to Pvt. Jack Berry at Englewood, California, there is no place like home. Jack recently requested pictorial news of good ol' Chicago. . . . Tom Burke, seaman, now in the Hawaiian Islands, reports he has completed a routine submarine trip. A picture of Tom in front of a native mansion is printed with these notes. . . . We recently enjoyed visits from Pvt. Frank Klawitter from Fort Knox, and Corp. Ed. Markowski from Pomona, California, and also Pvt. Harold Rudolph of Camp Wood, Texas. . . . Central District's loss was the Distribution Department's gain when John Balcom left to become a member of the Main Office staff on June 29. Your scribe hopes to keep up John's good work in writing this column. . . . Shop Foreman Aneurin Walter's son, Lt. William Walters, bombardier-navigator with the 5th Army Air Force, was a member of the plane crew which sank a Jap destroyer in a recent Pacific engagement. The task force, consisting of only ten Mitchell Bombers, sank four destroyers. Nice work, Bill. . . . We welcome to our midst Salvatore "Mac" Macaluso, formerly of the Messenger Division. Mac will operate Central District's switchboard. . . . Our sympathy is extended to the Darling family in their recent bereavement. Bill is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. We are informed that he is an Ensign in charge of welfare and recreation.

Tom Burke

Customers Order

BY CARL HAASE

SGT. ELMER LAUGHLIN, U. S. Army, was in for a visit last month. We are always happy to see you, Elmer. Come in again. . . . Cyril Race, U. S. Navy, has completed his boot training and is now stationed in Miami, Florida. . . . Latest reports from S 2/c Ray Johnson, U. S. Navy, is that he has left South America for points unknown. . . . We expect a visit soon, from Pvt. James Carr, U. S. Army. . . . Congratulations are in order for James Enright's family on their newly arrived, Brian Edward, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, June 13. . . . Larry Corcoran is back with us after convalescing from his operation. Peter Norton is also back after a siege of illness. Nice having you back, fellows. . . . Latest report on James Mitchell is that he is coming along nicely. Our thoughts are with you, Jim. . . . We welcome Carol Johnson, Barbara Holter, Mary Durkin, and Joan McClelland to our department. We hope you will like us. . . . As usual, in the good old summer time, vacations are in full swing (also run little perspiration drop—run). . . . Don't quit buying those bonds!

Peoples Gas Building

BY DOLORES MAHONY

IT IS REPORTED that Mary Borisz's son, who is a sergeant in Burma, India, has taken part in several important battles. . . . John Janega's son, a sergeant with the Air Force, is now also stationed in India. . . . It's a ten pound boy at the Marty Adams residence. A cloud of smoke emerged from the elevator men's locker room last month caused by the huge cigars passed around by the proud father. . . . Tony Bocklitz just returned from vacationing in New York, but he's wearing a Florida suntan. Perhaps he got his directions mixed. . . . Welcome to Jim Jenkins and Manfred Johnson.

South Sales

BY RICHARD SCHNOOR

AMONG OUR FIRST VACATIONERS is Steve Zralek, who departed early in June, health-bent for Hot Springs. . . . Quoting from a letter received by Mrs. C. A. Gould from the Colonel, Air Corps Area Control Officer, "You will be proud to know that I consider Capt. Gould to be one of the most highly valued members of this organization, which includes the entire Pacific area. He has performed his duties in an excellent manner in every respect and has proved to be an energetic, resourceful, and dependable officer." All of us at South Sales feel proud of Capt. Gould and congratulate him on his outstanding work.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

THE WORLD is a small place after all—Stanley Eaton met Maurice Carley recently "over there." . . . Stan is now Chief Gunnery Officer. . . . Word has just reached us that Dr. Howard Lindberg is now a Major. . . . Little Terrence arrived June 5 to take up residence with Major and Mrs. Walter Hook—the major is a former member of our medical staff. . . .

Stanard Garratt

Yvonne Hewitt reported a very pleasant vacation spent in Des Moines, Iowa. . . . Joe Hoberg enjoyed his leisure time in and around Chicago. . . . Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and Ludington, Michigan, were on Miriam Nelson's vacation menu. Elmer Christell was one of the lucky prize winners at the company outing at Lincolnshire Country Club. Alice Garratt's brother, Stanard, paused long enough for this snap during his training at State College, Mississippi.

Bill Delivery

BY ROSEMARIE PATEK

MARY ELLEN MURPHY and Eleanor Peck are now an important part of the department. They radiate much sunshine for us. . . . Bernice Lambke may only be a part-time worker, but she'll be a full time friend of ours. . . . A paternal chest swelled with pride when Harry Shanks recently attended a luncheon to receive a Civic Award Medal awarded Harry Shanks, Jr. whose Navy V-5 kept him busy at Wabash College. . . . The "weinie" roast which Bob Shultz promoted was a great success. It lacked only one thing to make it an even more outstanding "puppy" barbecue. The promoter did not attend. . . . John Hardin's son, now a prisoner of war in Germany, wrote recently that he has gained 23 pounds and feels great. He says that he baked a cake which was a huge success. Home-cooking probably is responsible for the extra weight. . . . Wesley Taeterow has been keeping his nose closer to the ground. He found that two real bullets pierced his helmet while on "manuevers." It really was a close shave, eh, Wesley. . . . Jeanette Libby went up to Ripley Lake, Wisconsin, for a much-deserved rest. . . . Most of us were not only patriotic, but a little hungry when we stopped to buy stamps at the bond wagon. Our reward was a share in the attack and do-nuts. . . . It is good to know that Kay O'Leary's mother is coming home after spending four weeks in the hospital due to a serious operation.

Statistical

BY MARIAN RICHESON

JUNE IS MEMORABLE as the month when we lost three girls in six days to the Army, and we don't mean the WAC! Helen Gylden left us after only four months to marry a newly commissioned lieutenant in New Jersey. Helen Wilson and Edith Mosgers obeyed hurry-up calls to join their husbands, Helen in Texas and Edith in Mississippi. We hope they'll be back later. . . . Welcome back, Bob Drevs! . . . The least pleasant vacation so far was Ed Martin's which turned into a bout with a strep throat. . . . At last reports, Eddie Griffiths and John Dolan were in England at the end of May, and John was hospitalized with malaria. We are anxious for later news. . . . 1st Lt. John Mullen is now stationed at Newport Army Air Field, Arkansas. George Lagodny is a Motor Machinist Mate 3/c with the 7th Fleet in the Southwest Pacific.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

WE PRESENT the official wedding picture of our recent bride and groom, Pfc. and Mrs. John Cahill. We like it very much and thought you might enjoy seeing it too. . . . From a mutual friend, we learn that Lt. Clarence Schurman is in North Ireland, or rather was, the first part of June. By this time, he may be closer to the big show than Ireland. Good luck and happy landings to him wherever he is. . . . Istalena Cox is the proud mother of a junior edition of an army man, or maybe he'll favor the Navy when he grows up. With his proud father in the Army, we're more inclined to believe he'll favor the Army. . . . If the Navy needs any real recommendation and incentive to recruit WAVES, Isabelle Hankel is surely a walking promise. Looking like a million, she dropped in to visit and tell us that she was bound for Pasco, Washington, and watch tower control operator work. . . . We wish her all kinds of luck in her new work and look forward to seeing her again in the not too distant future.

Pfc. and Mrs. John Cahill

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

SERGEANT VICTOR CHAPIESKY, JR. was recently home on furlough from the Panama Canal Zone after an absence of three years. . . . Lt. George Amedro paid us a visit. He was conducted around and introduced by his proud papa, Val. . . . L. Langert's son was also home from Navy Tanker Service. . . . Tommy Nichol, who is soldiering in New Guinea, sent a Japanese raincoat to one of the boys as a souvenir. . . . Homer Wormley is back at work after a lengthy rest. . . . Pete Ruseff, machine shop janitor, goes on the pension roll July 1. . . . Stanley Flint is back with us after a session at the Main Office. . . . Leo Fitzgerald had a few days of his vacation left over to squeeze in some fishing after remodeling his house. No details were given as to the success of the fishing so it is up to us to draw our own conclusions. . . . The high price of cigars has forced Tom Mitchell to blossom out with several pipes, but he puffs them with questionable satisfaction.

Service Dispatching

BY GEORGE KAZUNAS

VACATIONS: Deadline for the Gas News will find your scribe enjoying the wilds of southern Wisconsin at Brown's Lake. There will be many a sigh of relief from our gang here. For one month, at least, it will not be necessary for some of them to throw their hats in through the door before entering their homes on publication date. . . . Military: Pvt. Larry O'Connor did not have a broken arm. He merely sent his letters by carrier pigeon. His pigeon was not familiar with the Chicago zoning system. A letter finally arrived. Pvt. Frankie Klawitter has been appointed valet to the gas cooking equipment for his unit at Fort Knox.

Employes Retired on July 1, 1944

JOHN F. BEGG, Distribution Department, after 46 years of service.

THEODORE P. PROST, Chicago By-Products Corp., after 25 years of service.

PETER RUSEFF, Crawford Station, after 16 years 5 months service.

Lt. Charles Burke

South District

BY J. P. SPAIN

Lt. Charles Burke, stationed somewhere in England, wrote since the last issue and reports that he is well, and that everything is "tops". . . . S/Sgt. F. Gafney writes that he is again back at Keesler Field, Mississippi, after a furlough at home. He says it was tough getting back into the swing of things. . . . Pfc. John R. Cody reports that he is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas. . . . Sgt. Frank Newman, with the 13th General Hospital Unit, is now in New Guinea and is installing water mains. He says that he could use a couple of good street gangs from the Gas House. . . . The weather doesn't seem to be in line with the Victory Program. It has been playing "ned" with the gardens, but the gardeners are all persistent and the crops are starting to come along. . . . Congratulations to Paul Schabes who shot a 74, one over par, at the golf tournament. Sorry you didn't win the Ranney Cup.

North Sales

BY R. C. MARTIN

Ralph Griffin visited the Blood Bank for the eighth time on June 14 and is the first of the many donors in the North Sales Section to receive the distinguishing red ribbon. . . . The Fifth War Loan drive got off to a good start during June under Henry Hankin's supervision. Beating quotas is an old story with Henry. . . . Pete McAuslan has written, from somewhere at sea, that he is now a Signalman 1/C on the new mine sweeper which he has been on since last Fall. Congratulations, Pete! . . . Capt. Tom Atkins has been transferred to the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, where he is doing Specialist work in Electronics. Mail will reach Tom at 19 Danbury Street, S. W., Washington, D. C. . . . Corporal Jim McAndrews has sent us a change of address which reads APO No. 5384, care of Postmaster, New York. Jim is with the 738 F. A. Bn. HQ Btry. . . . Alex Merutka has been transferred to a receiving ship at Panama, awaiting a new assignment after returning from his ten day leave last month. Jack Wilkie has been on the sick list during June with a serious strep infection in his throat. George McGuire spent his vacation with his daughter in Glendale, California. He had considerable trouble getting return transportation, otherwise the trip was very enjoyable. . . . The most enthusiastic Victory garden report for the month of June comes from Charlie Dorge, who claims he has sweet corn in the silk. That we gotta see, Charlie!

General Accounting

BY JINNA LOWDER

Wedding bells rang for Madalyn Combs and Johnnie Drysdale on Saturday, June 17, and we wish to extend our very best wishes for happiness to both of them. May they have a long and delightful married life together. . . . Those who attended the Summer Party held at Lincolnshire Country Club on June 24 pronounced it a huge success—department won prizes—

Mr. and Mrs. John Drysdale

Clyde DuVall, Mary DeCarl, Kay Summerville, Helen Sheehan and this kid raked in more than our share of the lettuce. Both Pete Gilligan and Clyde DuVall were in the running for the Ranney trophy, but Lady Luck failed to shower her winning smile on either of them. . . . Congratulations to the Tom Doyles who are announcing the birth of a third son on June 17—the little one was named Terrence. . . . "Welcome Back" to Ray Evans who came back to work the 16th after a long illness. . . . Two groups of ten each are now attending Job Instruction Training Conferences in room 408. The conferences are being conducted by W. D. Sweetman.

Chicago District Pipeline

BY WAYNE POTTER

There's been a "marryin" in our midst. Congratulations and best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Severt. Norman and the former Florence Hoogland were married May 27. . . . As Ben Stogentine, winner of last year's golf tournament, is shooting a harder course this year over on the other side, our hope of retaining top honors in this year's wood and iron business was placed in the hands of Thomas Allen. He did not disappoint us. Congratulations, Tom, on winning the Ranney Trophy. . . . A change in the line-up puts Charlie Bruen and Bob Moon formerly of the Meter Station over at the Field Office. . . . It seemed like old times to visit with "Cholly" Vanderman, our "navy destroyer." He looked as though "goin' to sea" has agreed with him. Like all service men, he says the mail man could use a little overtime in case any of the fellows would care to write a few lines. . . . Keep in mind that "youse is the news" and we'll give this column a few transfusions of newsy items you want to see in print.

Stores—Warehouse

By MARIE J. LEHMANN

It was with great sorrow we received the news that Lt. John Joseph Caulfield was killed in action over Germany on April 29th. We last heard from Joe in March while he was training in Ireland. Joe was a navigator and had completed twelve missions. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps on October 29, 1942, and was called for active military duty on November 4, 1942. Joe was a lad of sterling character and held in high esteem by all of his fellow employes. He came to our department from the Bill Delivery on April 15, 1941. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, parents and family. . . . Had a letter from Spar Dorothy LeTourneau. She is doing recruiting work in the states of Virginia and North Carolina. . . . Was pleasantly surprised in receiving a letter from Cy O'Ryan, A.M.M. 1/c. He is now at Camp Edwards. Massachusetts, working on the F6F Hellcat fighters. Camp Edwards is situated on Cape Cod where the scenery is beautiful and the elite go to spend their holidays. Cy informed us that Francis Dowling is in England. . . . Keep buying bonds so we can reach our quota. We cannot let our boys down now.

Customers

BY MICHAEL J. LAMBKE

The biggest man in the department has the biggest ankle. Joe Doody and an automobile tangled recently. Joe was able to

report for work, but the auto is still being re-built. . . . Bert Smith looked like a page out of *Esquire* when he came to the office in his summer ensemble. . . . Leo Tracy and Bill Schueler spent their vacations squiring their boys around the city—both boys were home on furloughs, and were their dads happy . . . "Libby" Marciniak reported a nice vacation. She slept until noon every day. . . . Ed Broderick and Barney Conlon visited the office. Ed stopped in between camps and Barney is home on furlough. . . . The condolences of all of us are extended to Irene Wolf in the loss of her father.

Calumet Station

BY WILTON BROWN

SCRATCH OFF ANOTHER ELIGIBLE bachelor from your list, girls. I refer to John Drysdale, who was married to Madalyn Combs on June 17. It was a beautiful wedding. Our congratulations go to the bride and groom. . . . If you didn't attend the Gas Club outing at Lincolnshire, it was your loss. Our praise goes to the officers and committees who organized the successful event. . . . Francis Waddick's face really wasn't painted red. That was just the results of the bright sun after 27 holes of golf at Lincolnshire. . . . Pfc. Danny Desmond visited us recently. He is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, and tells us that this ninety degree weather feels mighty cool after those really hot days and nights where he is stationed. . . . Pvt. Wilbert Ericksen also visited us recently. He has completed his basic training. That he has used his previous guard training to advantage was evidenced by the medals he won on the rifle range.

Messenger Service

BY CAROL CHOITZ

AS WE GO TO PRESS, we hear the news of Sylvia Bakotic's promotion from the Ante Room to the Credit and Collection Department. I'm sure she'll be missed by everyone. We wish to congratulate her and wish her the best of luck. . . . Other promotions from the Ante Room were Florence Brindisi and Shirley Scheubert. They were transferred to the Mail Section. . . . The Messenger Service has lost two girls, Jean Jaron and Margaret Glanz. They are now in the Ante Room.

Research and Testing

BY W. D. EGAN

ALTHOUGH VACATION time is upon us with its added expense, let's not forget the Fifth War Loan Drive. Help to put your department over its quota by contacting your minuteman and purchasing an extra bond before the July 31 deadline. . . . Bill Donovan, that sprightly veteran of World War I, has two sons in the army. Bill is mighty proud of those sons, but is somewhat concerned about the time they return when his home will then have three military experts, whereas before, he reigned supreme. . . . Jacob Van Zytveld has left the employ of the Company after seventeen years service. Although Jake is leaving because of ill health, at the same time he is realizing a cherished dream by moving to Los Angeles, California. Goodbye and best wishes, Jake. . . . Jimmy Gallagher is demonstrating his versatility by lending his invaluable aid to Vic Knitter in the Photographic Department. . . . A new engineer was born into the world last June 8 in the person of William Michael Keenan. He joins his two little sisters in making the proud parents prouder.

Meter Shop

BY GEORGE D. BURNS

OUR HEARTIEST congratulations to our two newly wedded bachelors, Ivan Anderson and Peter Bruin, who were married during the month of June. We wish you gentlemen and your wives a most happy married life. . . . Congratulations to Eddie O'Brien who celebrated his 51st birthday June 23. Eddie showed up in the morning with a bad cold and a lemon cream pie. We couldn't do anything about the cold, but we did finish off the pie. . . . On July 3, George Burns celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary and a visit from George, Jr. who is home on a leave from the Navy. . . . A card from Dick Antink says that he has been transferred to Newport, Rhode Island. He expects to be there for the next few weeks. . . . Charlie Mitchell writes that he is now located at Norfolk, Va. He is with the Amphibious Training Command, Atlantic Fleet. . . . During the month of June, twenty-six members of the Meter Shop family visited the American Red Cross Blood bank. Most of these men donated blood for the sixth time. . . . Bill Arnswald, Frank Besseler, and Andy Klawitter have been doing a swell job on the Fifth War Bond Drive. Mike Marinello, who is also a minuteman, was operated on for appendicitis on the eve of the drive. We hope that you will be back soon, Mike.

Engineering

BY JULIEN JORDAN

LT. BERT ALPORT was in to see us recently. He expects to see a bit of the Pacific Ocean . . . We had an interesting letter from George Cheshire telling of his experience in steering some high octane gasoline through the storm . . . Miss Jones has been singing louder than usual while a certain Seebee was on leave . . . Ed Malarkey is now playing that fast and furious game of badminton with his son. Ed is now in a position to challenge all comers . . . We thought we had another hat story when Hank Giblin left his hat in a restaurant, but on returning the next day, he retrieved it.

Joe Spain, South Shop, made a discovery in his garden, so Minnie, the cat, mothered several tiny rabbits as well as her kittens until a home was found for them.

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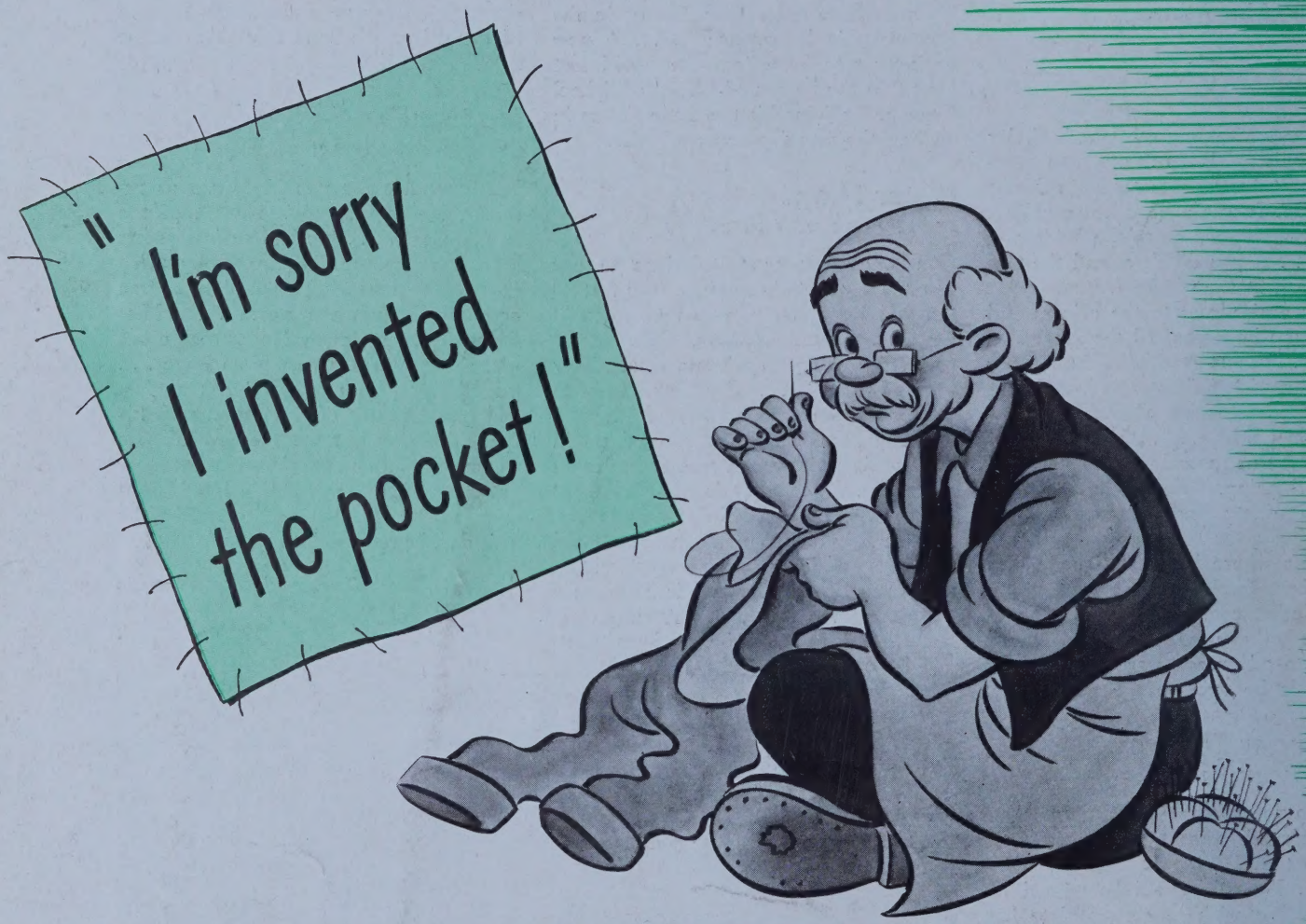

IF I HAD KNOWN that some Americans would be using pockets to hold all the extra money they're making these days, I never would have invented them.

Pockets are good places to keep hands warm.

Pockets are good places to hold keys . . . and loose change for carfare and newspapers.

But pockets are no place for *any* kind of money except actual expense money these days.

The place—the *only* place—for money above living expenses is in War Bonds.

Bonds buy bullets for soldiers.

Bonds buy security for your old age.

Bonds buy education for your kids.

Bonds buy things you'll need later—that you can't buy now.

Bonds buy peace of mind—knowing that your money is in the fight.

Reach into the pocket I invented. Take out all that extra cash. Invest it in interest-bearing War Bonds.

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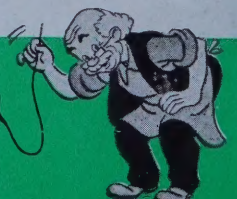
You'll be happy too.



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